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第1話 三方良し

THREE GOODS

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十三年（西暦

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湖東地

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MITSUHIDE, YOU!!

SO YOU REALISED IT, NOBUNAGA!!
本能寺

オオオオ
EVERYTHING UNDER THE WORLD WILL BECOME MINE!!
MITSUHIDE HAS ENTERED AZUCHI!!
NOBUNAGA-SAMA HAS BEEN ATTACKED!!
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HASHIBA-SAMA'S ARMY HAS DEFEATED MITSUHIDE!!
IN JUST TEN DAYS, TENKA HAS...!!

THE ARMY OF NOBUNAGA-SAMA'S SUCCESSOR, NOBUKATSU-SAMA, HAS CRUSHED THE MITSUHIDE ARMY THAT'S CONFINED IN AZUCHI CASTLE!
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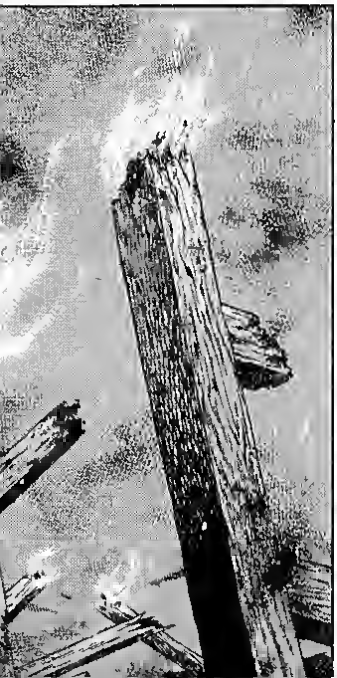
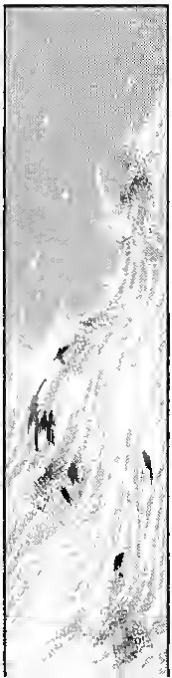
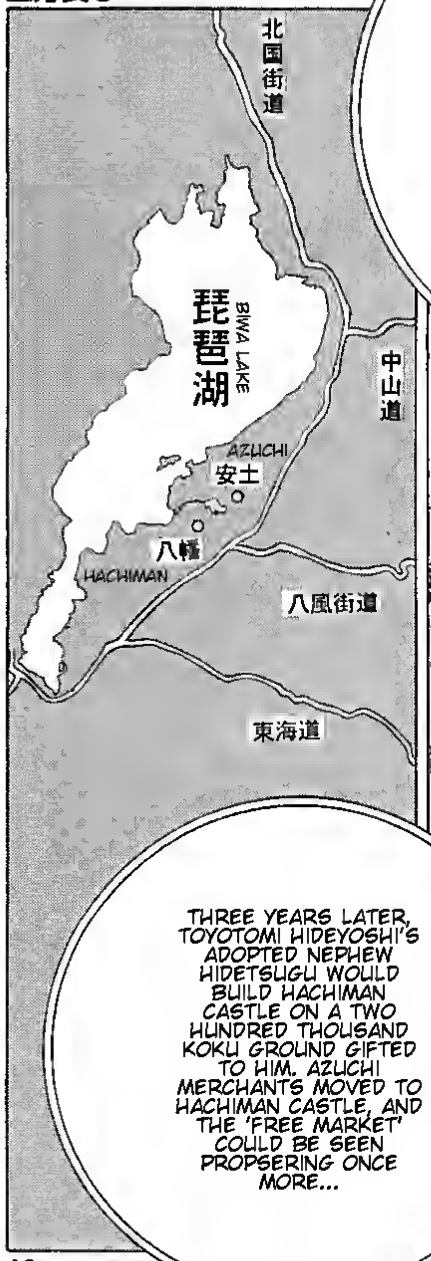
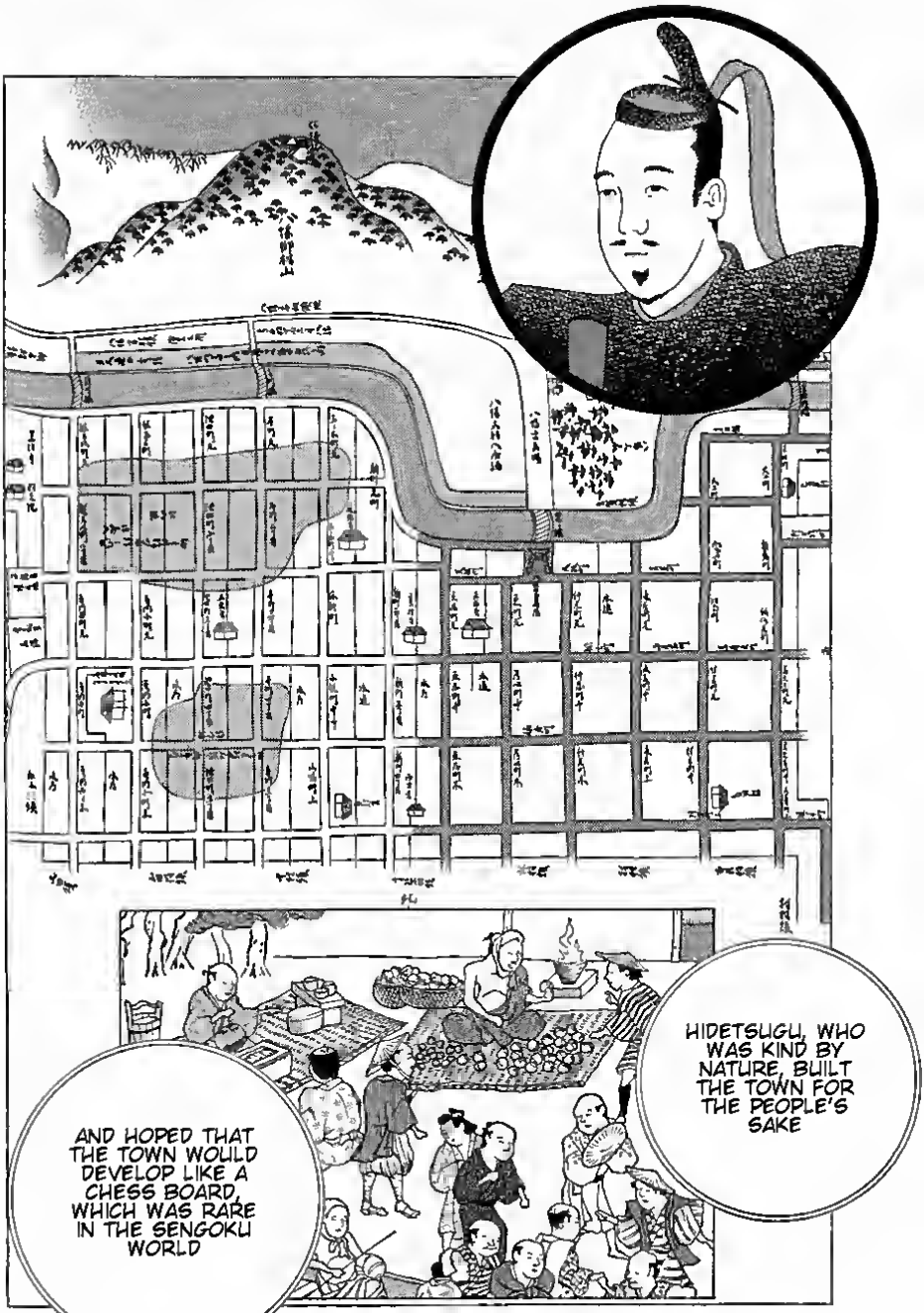





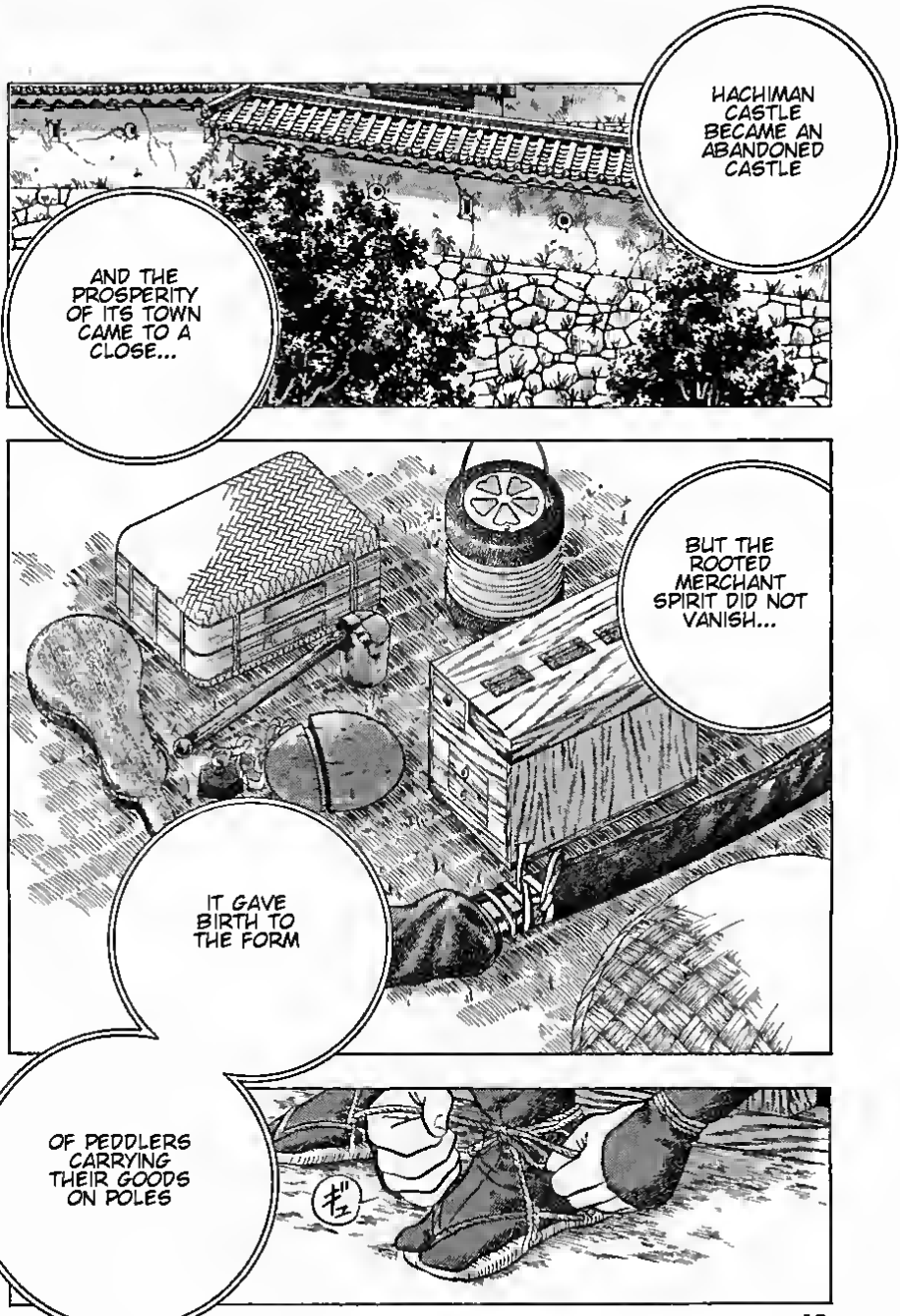
UNTIL THEN, BY NOBUNAGA'S WILL, TRADE GUILDS COULD NOT MAKE BUSINESS, ALLOWING MERCHANTS TO FREELY SET UP THEIR OWN TRADES, EVEN AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE 'FREE MARKET'

'TENKA FUBU'... TO UNITE THE WORLD THROUGH MILITARY STRENGTH... ODA NOBUNAGA WAS KILLED BY THE BETRAYAL OF HIS RETAINER AKECHI MITSUHIDE, AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE TOWN OF AZUCHI WAS BURNT TO ASHES...

THREE YEARS LATER, TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI'S ADOPTED NEPHEW HIDETSUGU WOULD BUILD HACHIMAN CASTLE ON A TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND KOKU GROUND GIFTED TO HIM. AZUCHI MERCHANTS MOVED TO HACHIMAN CASTLE, AND THE 'FREE MARKET' COULD BE SEEN PROPSERING ONCE MORE...


HIDETSUGU, WHO WAS KIND BY NATURE, BUILT THE TOWN FOR THE PEOPLE'S SAKE
AND HOPED THAT THE TOWN WOULD DEVELOP LIKE A CHESS BOARD, WHICH WAS RARE IN THE SENGOKU WORLD

HIDETSUGU'S TOWN FLOURISHED GREATLY...
HE THOUGHT HE COULD FORGE A LASTING PEACE WITH HIDEYOSHI, WHO HAD NO SUCCESSOR, AS A CLOSE ADVISOR
BUT TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI'S SON, HIDEYORI WAS BORN, AND WHILE IN INDULGENCE HE HAD THAT DISAGREEABLE EXISTENCE
COMMIT SUICIDE ON MOUNT KOYA AT THE YOUNG AGE OF TWENTY-EIGHT...


HACHIMAN CASTLE BECAME AN ABANDONED CASTLE
AND THE PROSPERITY OF ITS TOWN CAME TO A CLOSE...
BUT THE ROOTED MERCHANT SPIRIT DID NOT VANISH...
IT GAVE BIRTH TO THE FORM
OF PEDDLERS CARRYING THEIR GOODS ON POLES
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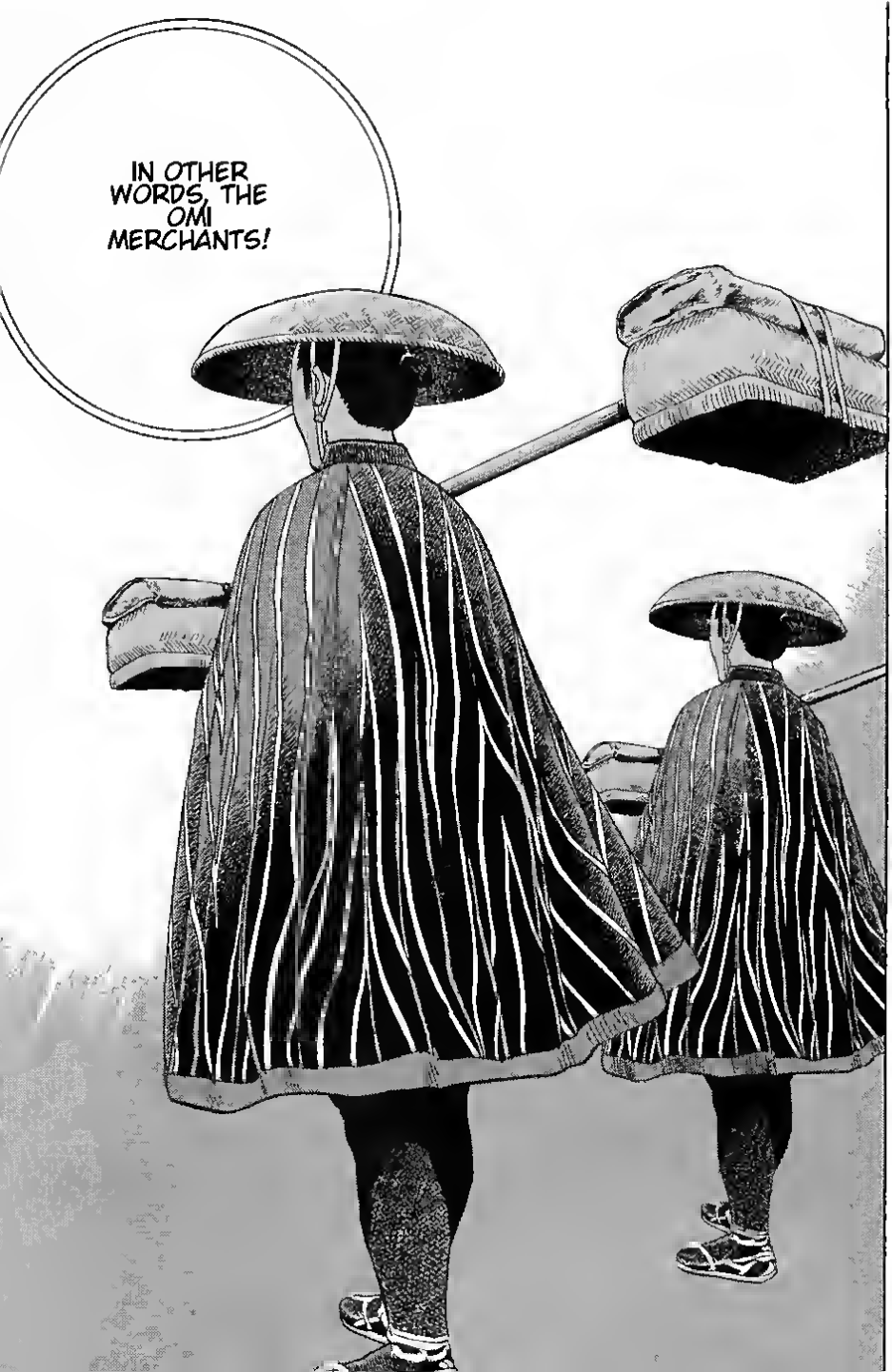
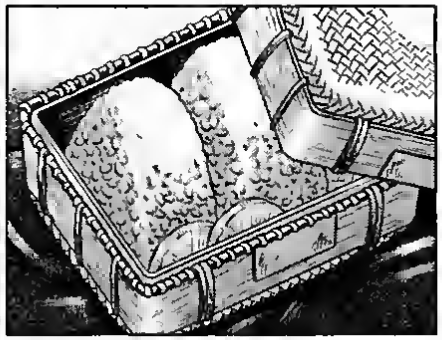

IN OTHER WORDS, THE OMI MERCHANTS!

THEY DISPLAYED THE MERCHANT SPIRIT THAT WAS BUILT UP IN HACHIMAN, AND THE NAME OF THE OMI MERCHANTS SPREAD WIDE IN EACH CITY
WITH THE FAMILY TEACHING OF "PUSH YOURSELF TO THE VERY END", WHICH MEANS TO DO ONE'S BEST WHILE KEEPING THE OTHER PARTY'S BENEFIT AS THE TOP PRIORITY IN MIND... AND THE GOOD OF THE SELLER, THE GOOD OF THE BUYER, AND THE GOOD OF THE WORLD....

THE "THREE GOODS"
...IS PROTECTED TO THE VERY END!



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THOSE WHO UPHOLD THEIR BUSINESS DISCIPLINE GAIN GREAT TRUST AT EACH PLACE...

THE LARGE STORES BUILT AT KAMIGATA, EDO AND OTHERS FLOURISHED...
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MANY MERCHANT HOMES WERE BUILT AT THE HOMETOWN OF OMIHACHIMAN
THE SIGHT OF SERVANTS GREW GREATLY
AND THE MERCHANTS WOULD GO FROM HERE ON THEIR MERCHANT TRIPS, CARRYING THEIR SHOULDER POLES

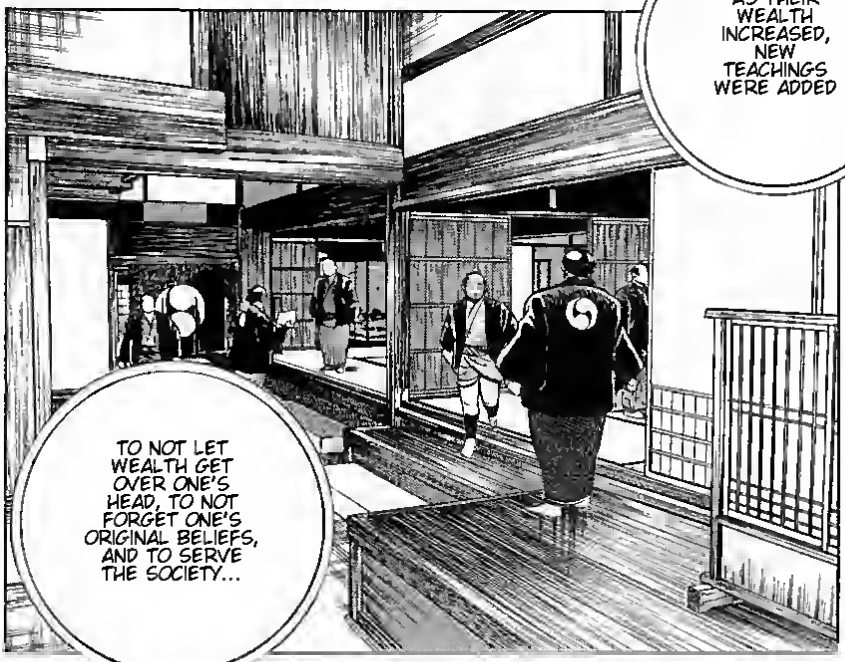
Lessons

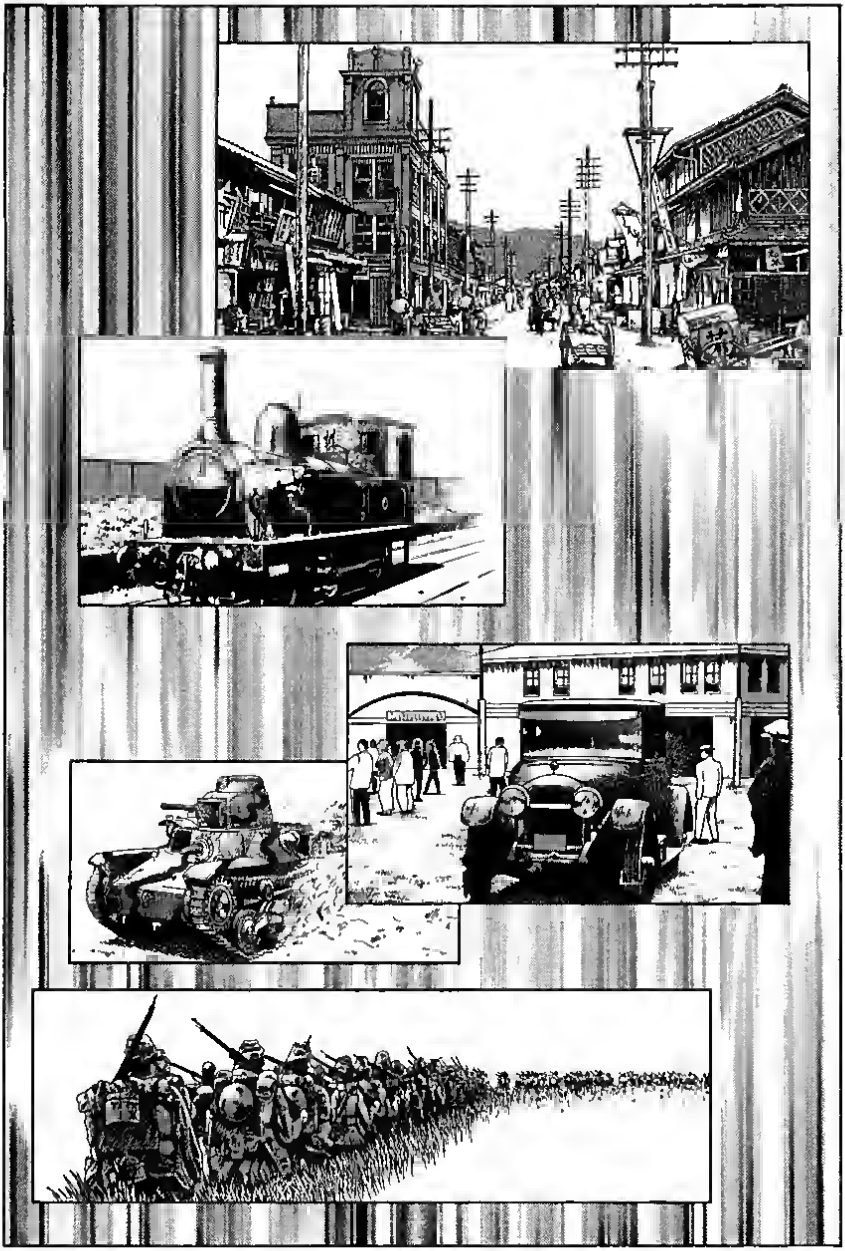
Push oneself to the very end

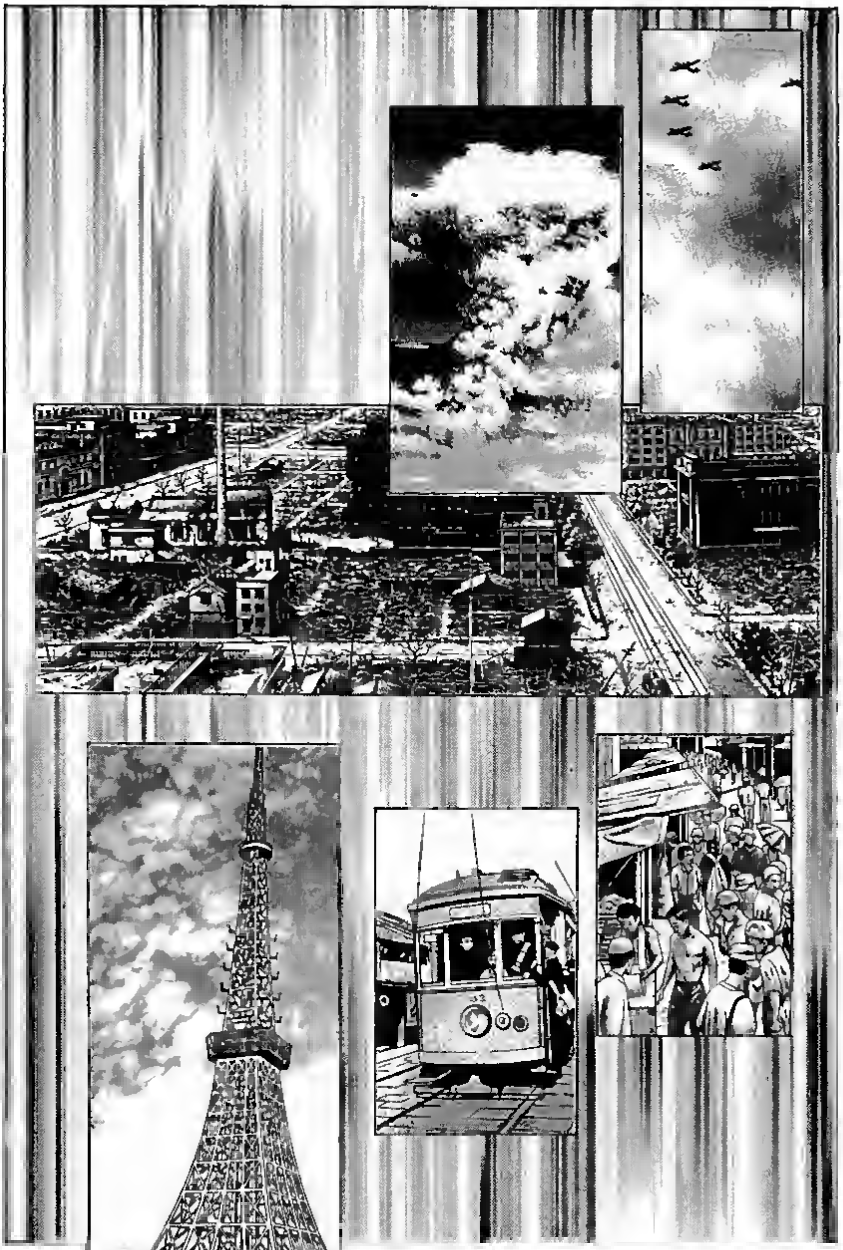
Three goods

The proud will always fall

Spread good wealth with other values


AS THEIR WEALTH INCREASED, NEW TEACHINGS WERE ADDED
TO NOT LET WEALTH GET OVER ONE'S HEAD, TO NOT FORGET ONE'S ORIGINAL BELIEFS, AND TO SERVE THE SOCIETY...
EVEN WHEN TIMES HAVE CHANGED, THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO BUSINESS...!





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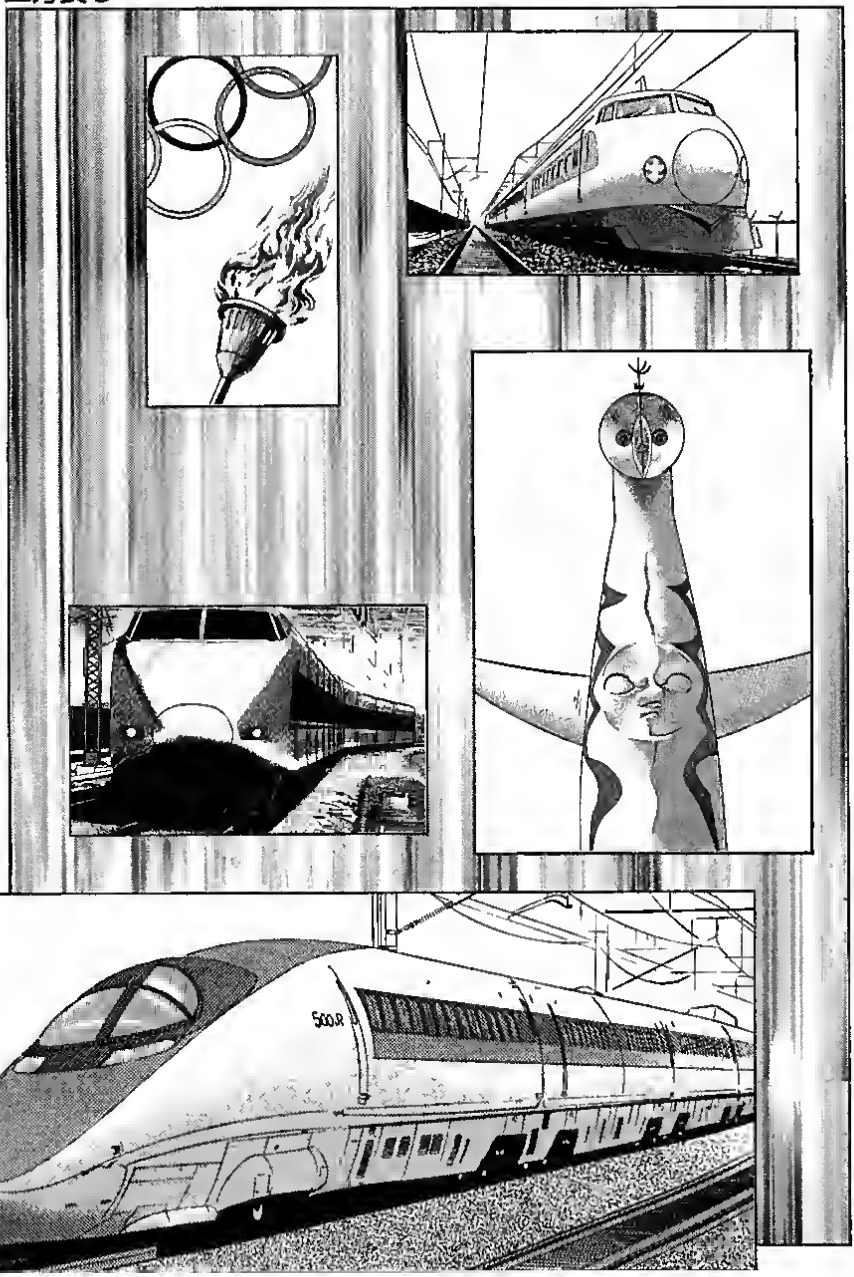

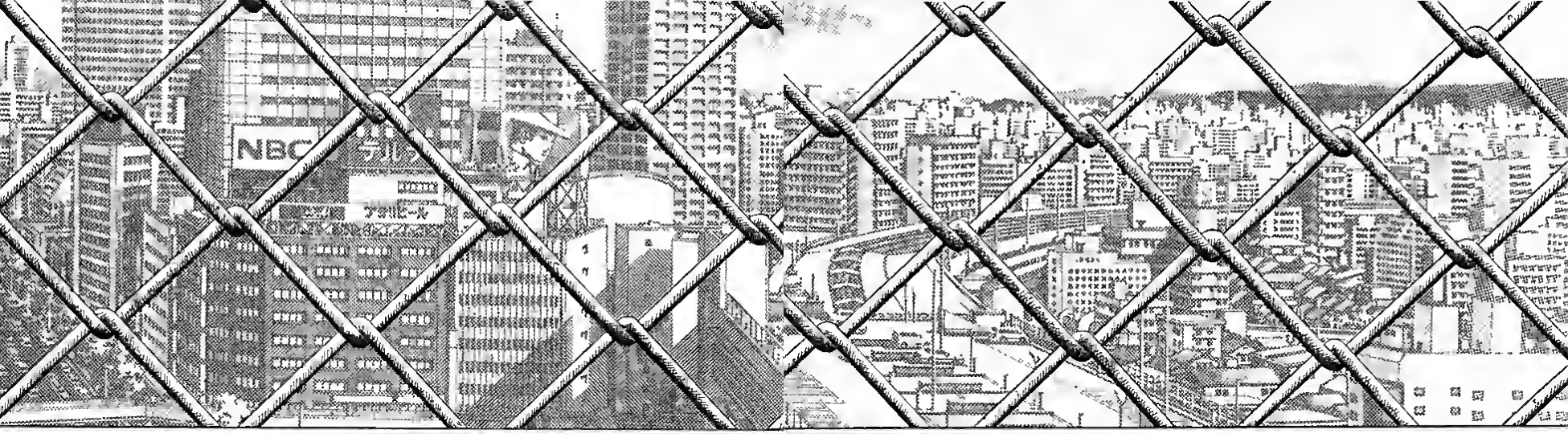
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OI!! OLD MAN!!
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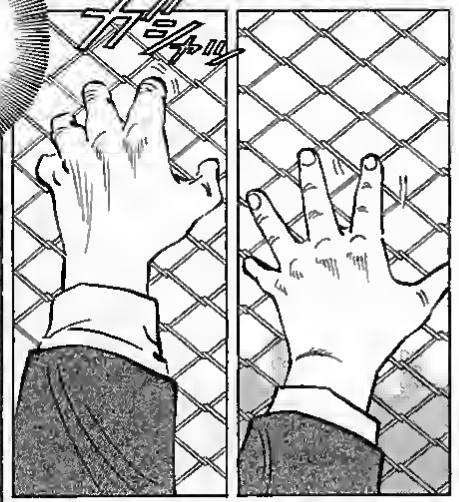
I DON'T HAVE ANY ROUTE LEFT...

EXCEPT FOR THIS...!



HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU THINK YOU'LL MAKE BY FLYING DOWN FROM THERE!
WHA!?

THE POLICE AND FIREMEN WILL HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOU, USING THE PEOPLE'S TAXES
THE OWNER OF THIS BUILDING WILL SUFFER LOSSES
THE COMPANY WILL PLUMMET, AND THERE WON'T BE ANY TENANTS FOR THIS BUILDING
THE TRAFFIC WILL BE OBSTRUCTED FOR A WHILE
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IT MIGHT RESULT IN GREAT LOSSES FOR OTHERS IN THEIR BUSINESSES
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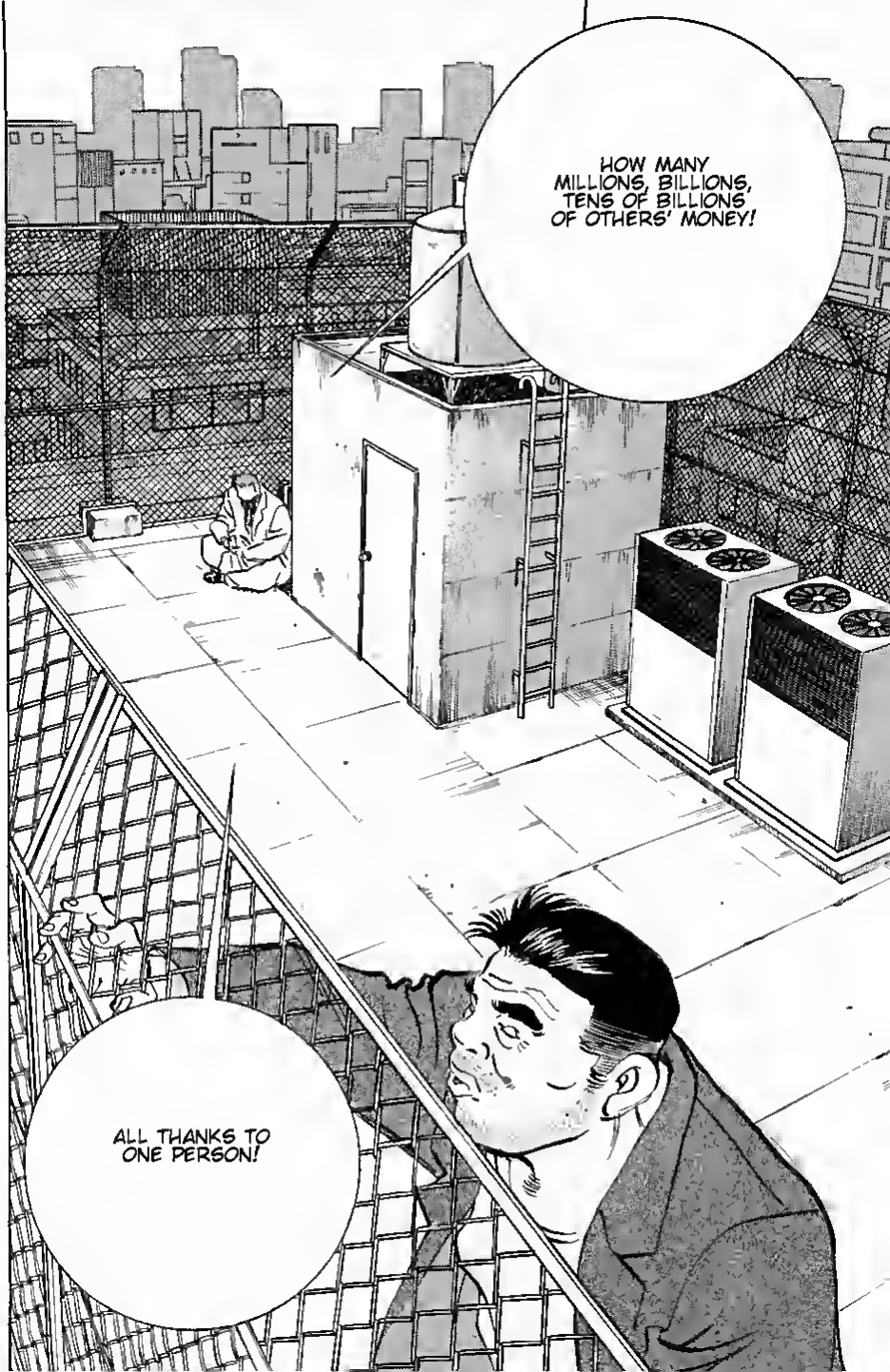
HOW MANY MILLIONS, BILLIONS, TENS OF BILLIONS OF OTHERS' MONEY!
ALL THANKS TO ONE PERSON!

NO
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...!
BECAUSE OF ME
HOW MANY BILLIONS ..
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EAT IT
FILL YOUR STOMACH, AND DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE
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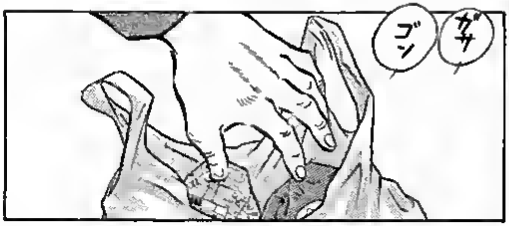
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HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OLD MAN!

I'M BAD WITH PLUMS, SO ..

FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT
EATING UNDER THE BLUE SKY

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IF YOU STILL CAN CHOOSE WHICH FILLING YOU WANT, THEN THAT MEANS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CLAIMED BY DEATH YET

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EH!? WHY...!
YOU WORK WITH METAL, DON'T YOU, OLD MAN
AND THE OLDER SCARS ARE STAINED WITH MACHINE OIL
YOUR FINGERTIPS HAVE COUNTLESS TINY SCARS...
THE FACTORY YOU MANAGED COLLAPSED!
THE FACTORY WHERE YOU WORKED IN RESTRUCTURED IN THIS POOR ECONOMY...
AND YOU DESPAIRED OF THE WORLD AFTER BEING UNABLE TO FIND A JOB...
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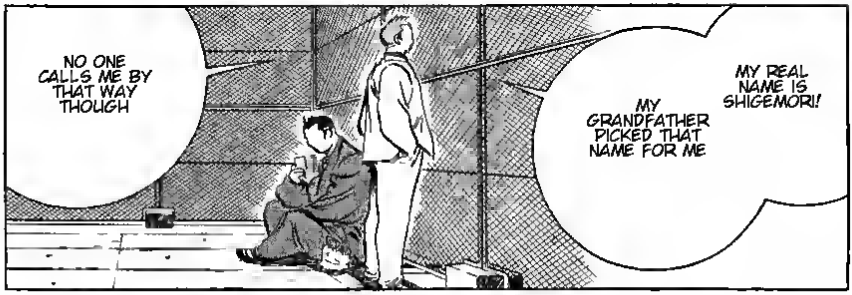
...NO

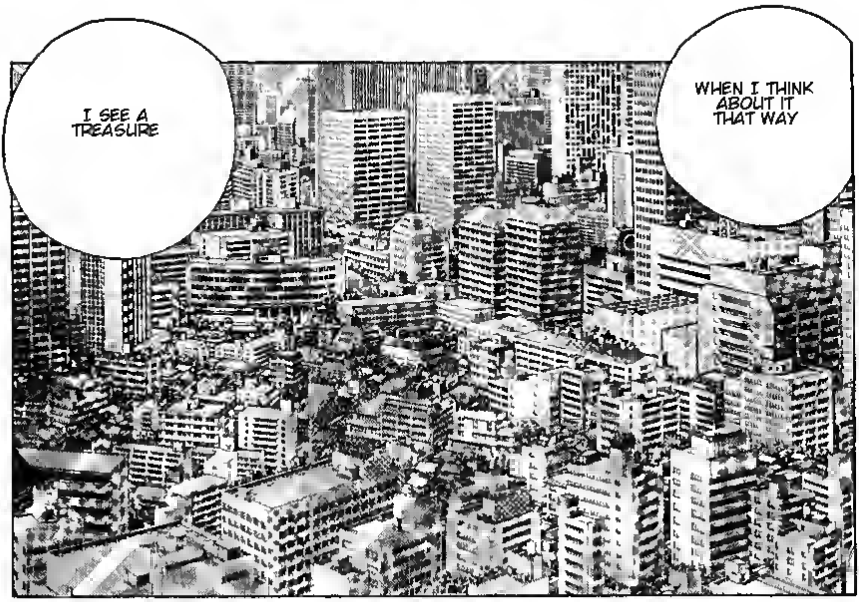
EH!? WHY DO YOU KNOW!?
THAT SUIT HAS BEEN DIRTIED, BUT IT LOOKS CUSTOM MADE
ITS MATERIAL IS ALSO OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY CASHMERE
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE PAID FOR WITH ORDINARY FEES
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU?



"SHIGEMORI" AND "HANJOU" HAVE THE SAME CHARACTERS

I HEARD THIS FROM MY OLD MAN
HE SAW THE DEVASTATION OF THE AIR RAIDS
IN MY EYES...
DEVASTATION OF THE AIR RAIDS...?

AFTER THE AIR RAIDS, MANY BUSINESSES POPPED UP ONE AFTER ANOTHER
THEY MIXED STRANGE THINGS INSIDE THE NORMAL THINGS...
THIS COUNTRY IS LIKE A POST AIR-RAID RUIN AFTER THE BUBBLE BURST...
IN THIS SITUATION, I HAVE THE CHANCE TO DISPLAY MY ABILITY AS A BUSINESSMAN


I SEE A TREASURE
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY

WHEN I WAS YOUNG LIKE YOU

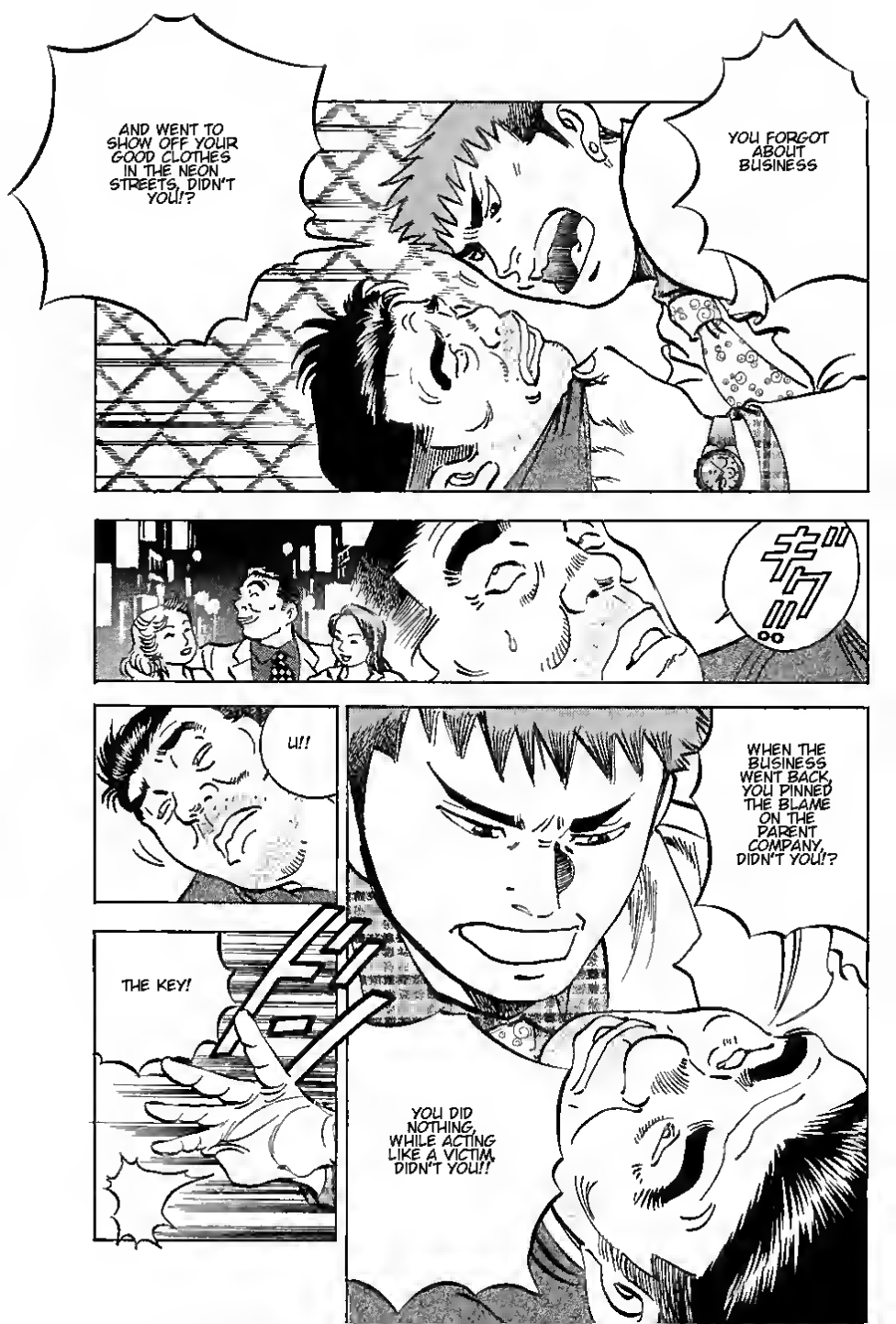
DON'T YOU THINK SO, OLD MAN

I'M ALREADY FIFTY...

WHEN I WAS TWENTY, I WORKED LIKE A MANIAC...
I MARRIED, AND HAD CHILDREN
I INDEPENDENTLY FOUNDED A COMPANY, AND FINALLY CAME TO THIS MESS...
FOR THIRTY YEARS, I WORKED MY BEST TO BUILD UP MY CAREER...
BUT IN A FLASH, MY COMPANY... MY FAMILY... COLLAPSED
I... DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO STAND UP ANYMORE
TH

CAN YOU SAY YOU DID YOUR BEST!?
CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT, OLD MAN!?
DID YOU PERFORM THE THREE GOODS!?

THREE GOODS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROFITS WHEN THINGS WERE GOING WELL!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY YOU EARNED DURING THE BUBBLE PERIOD!?
THE MOTTO OF A BUSINESSMAN IS THE GOOD OF THE SELLER, THE GOOD OF THE BUYER
IT IS THE TEACHINGS OF THE OMI MERCHANTS!
AND BEFORE ANYTHING, THE GOOD OF THE WORLD!


AND WENT TO SHOW OFF YOUR GOOD CLOTHES IN THE NEON STREETS, DIDN'T YOU!?
YOU FORGOT ABOUT BUSINESS
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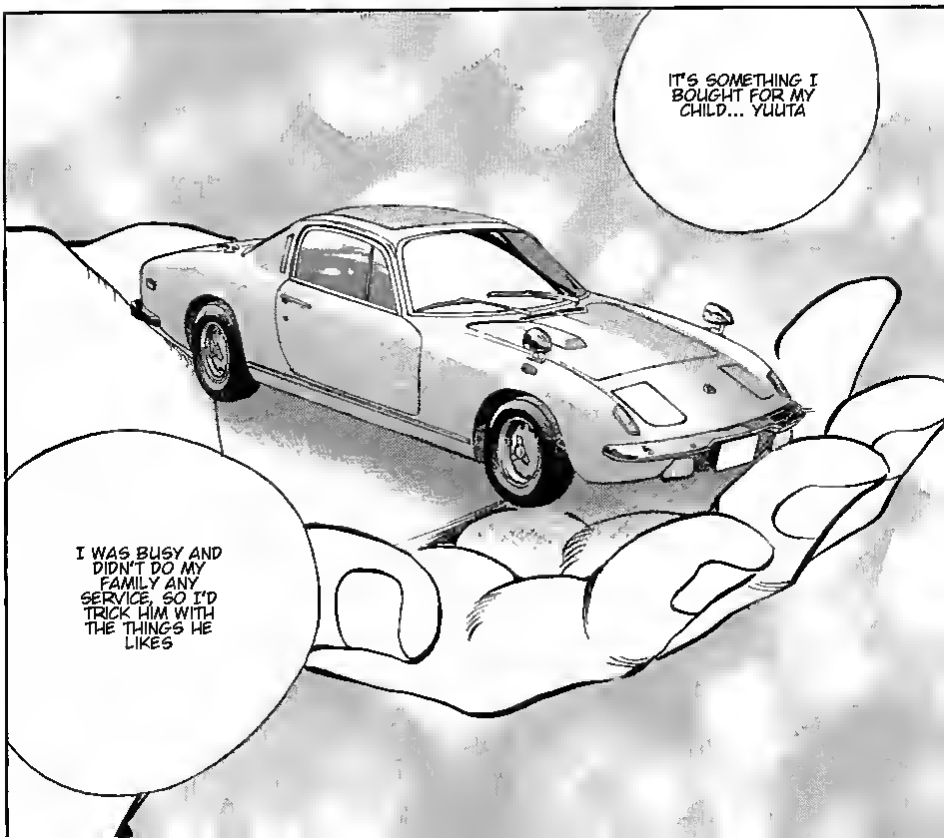
U!!
WHEN THE BUSINESS WENT BACK, YOU PINNED THE BLAME ON THE PARENT COMPANY, DIDN'T YOU!?
THE KEY!
YOU DID NOTHING, WHILE ACTING LIKE A VICTIM, DIDN'T YOU!!

EVEN IF YOU RESTARTED WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE, YOU'LL END UP THE SAME WAY
IS NOT THE AGE
...
COME AND CONSULT ME
IF YOU FEEL LIKE TRYING SOME KIND OF BUSINESS AGAIN...
BUT THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF FATE

AKAKO... YUUTA... FATHER WORKED HIS BEST FOR YOUR SAKE...
HE INTENDED TO DO THAT...
U...
U...

I WAS JEALOUS OF THE PEOPLE IN MY HOMETOWN...
DRESSING THEMSELVES UP IN FINE CLOTHES
BUT.. IT WAS FOR HIMSELF...

WHAT'S WITH THAT MINI CAR, OLD MAN?
I'M SORRY...!!


IT'S SOMETHING I BOUGHT FOR MY CHILD... YUUTA
I WAS BUSY AND DIDN'T DO MY FAMILY ANY SERVICE, SO I'D TRICK HIM WITH THE THINGS HE LIKES

THIS IS G'S PREMIERE MINICAR!
NO. . I HAVE A LOT OF THEM..
IS THERE JUST THIS ONE CAR?
I FIXED THE BROKEN PARTS
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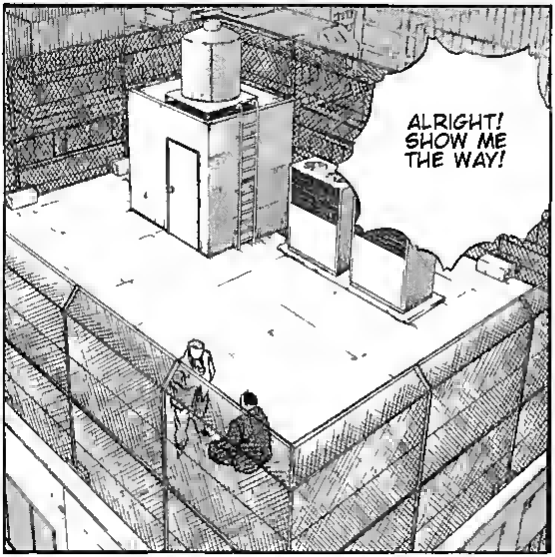
THIS WILL BECOME A BUSINESS!


ALRIGHT! SHOW ME THE WAY!

YOU SAID THERE ARE MORE

IF WE GO TO WHERE I STAY...

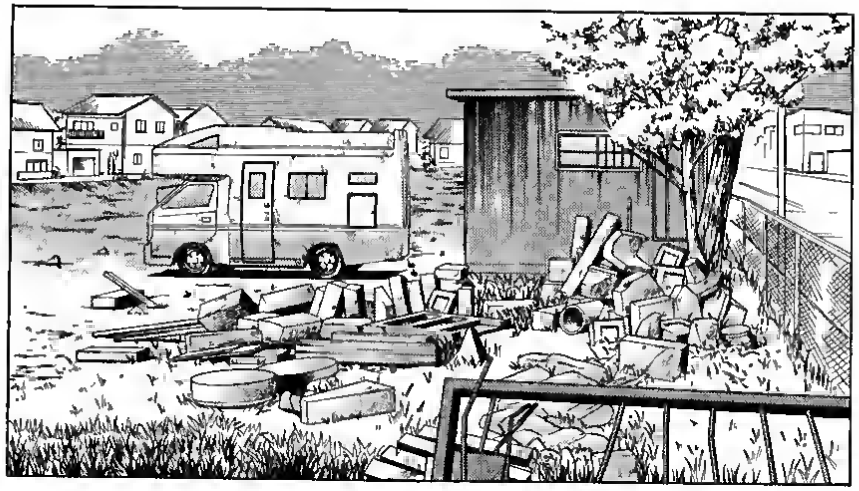
LEGEND OF WEALTHY MERCHANTS (D: KINOKUNIYA BUNZAEMON (BIRTH AND DEATH DATES UNKNOWN)

A KISHUU (WAKAYAMA) PERSON. MADE FAMOUS FOR TRADING ORANGES WHICH EDO HAD A DEFICIENCY OF, BUT IN TRUTH, DUE TO WITNESSING THE SHEER NUMBER OF FIRES, MADE HIS WEALTH IN WOOD MATERIAL. BY BUYING ALL THE FIRST CATCHES OF THE SEASON, HIS FLASHINESS TOOK THOSE IN EDO ABACK.

第2話▶ 行商人の心

HEART OF A JOURNEYING BUSINESSMAN

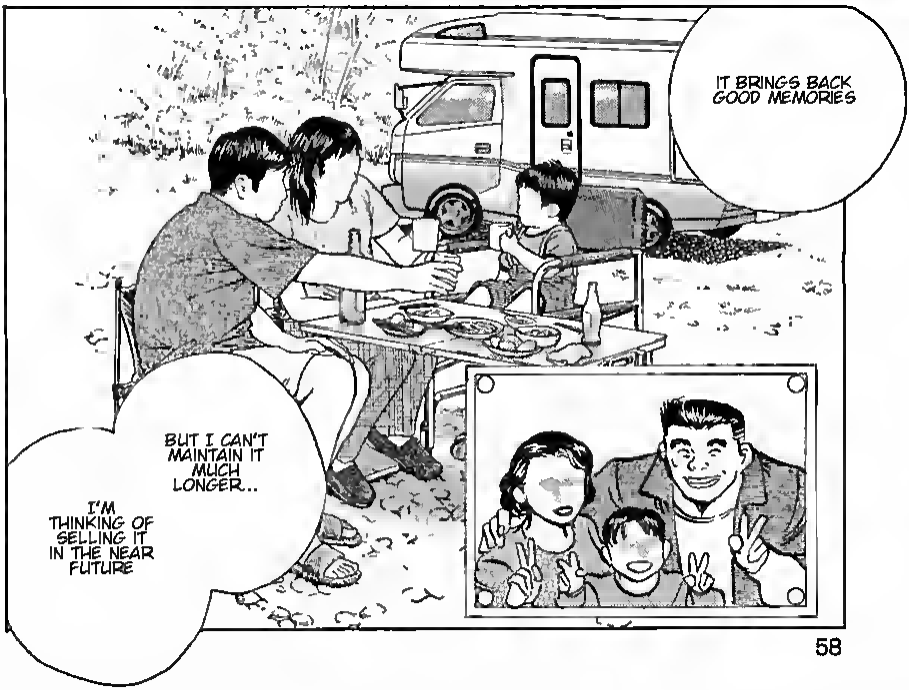
行商人の心



THAT'S MY LODGING

YES... THAT'S WHAT I LIVE IN NOW
THAT'S... A CAMPING CAR!?
NO WAY...

OF COURSE, IT'S JUNK TOO, BUT
AND IT'S THE ONLY THING LEFT AFTER I'VE LOST EVERYTHING
I BOUGHT THIS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BUBBLE...
WHEN THINGS WERE ALL GOOD
I WOULD GO OUT ON MANY CAMPING TRIPS WITH MY FAMILY


IT BRINGS BACK GOOD MEMORIES
BUT I CAN'T MAINTAIN IT MUCH LONGER...
I'M THINKING OF SELLING IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE

THESE ARE THE TOYS I BOUGHT FOR MY CHILD
...
HOW ARE THEY?
SEEMS SELLABLE
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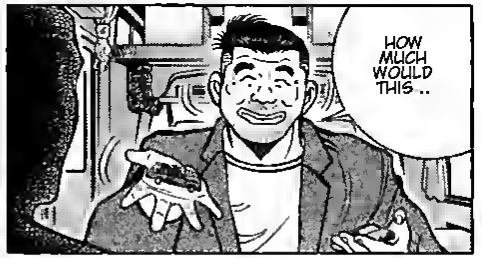
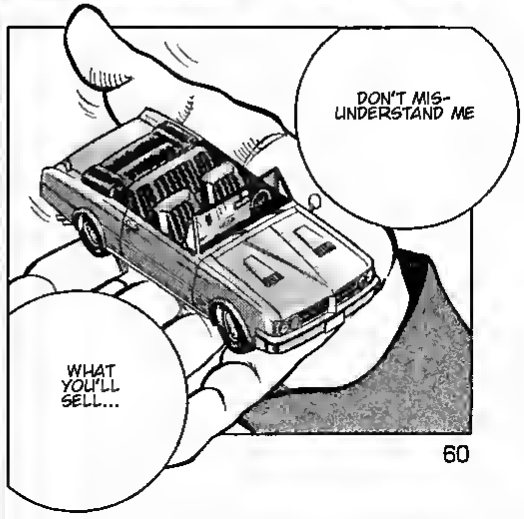
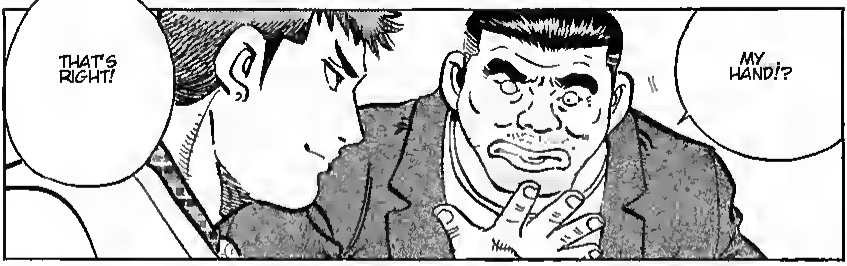
IS THIS!!

HAHA... I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE TOYS I GAVE TO MY CHILD
WOULD SAVE ME IN THE END

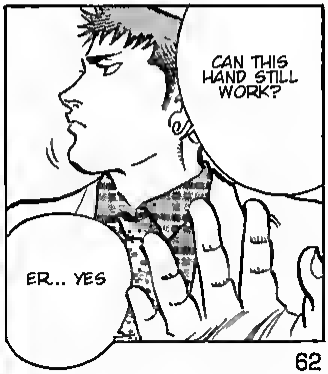

HOW MUCH WOULD THIS..

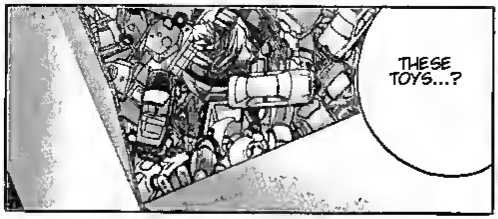

DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND ME
WHAT YOU'LL SELL...


THAT'S RIGHT!
MY HAND!?

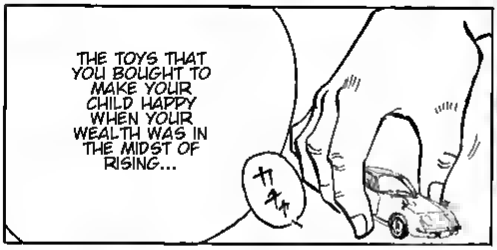
YOU DIDN'T SUDDENLY BECOME A MANAGER, DID YOU
YOU BUILT UP YOUR WEALTH USING THE TECHNIQUES IN YOUR HAND

B.. BUT
THERE ISN'T A JOB FOR IT...


CAN THIS HAND STILL WORK?
ER.. YES


THESE TOYS...?

WHY, THERE IS ONE HERE!


THE TOYS THAT YOU BOUGHT TO MAKE YOUR CHILD HAPPY WHEN YOUR WEALTH WAS IN THE MIDST OF RISING...
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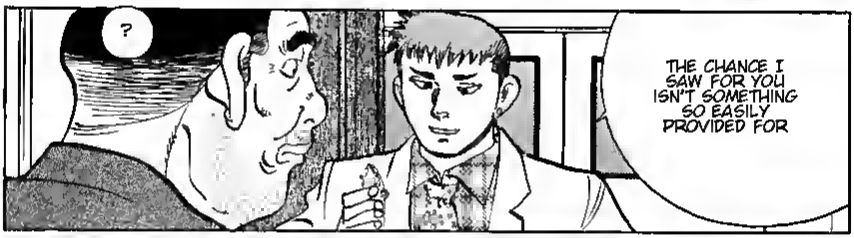
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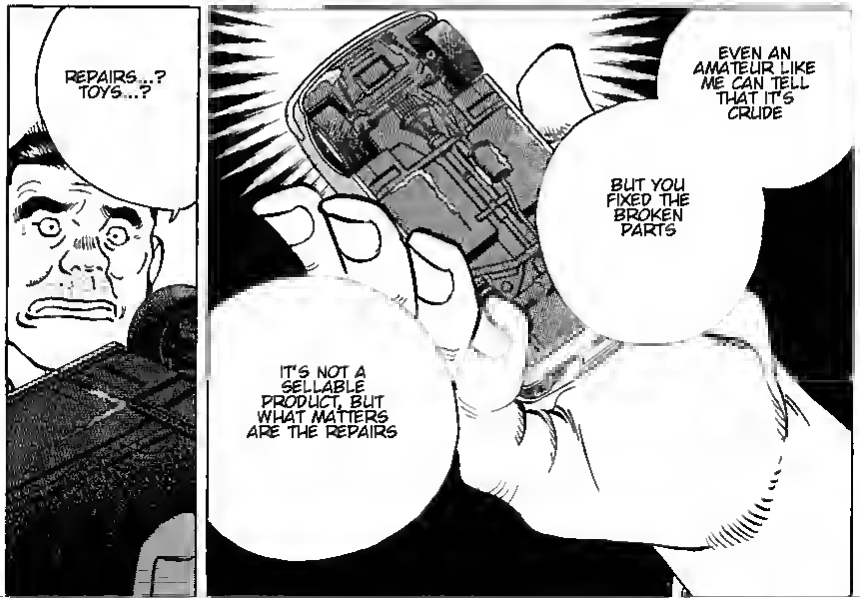
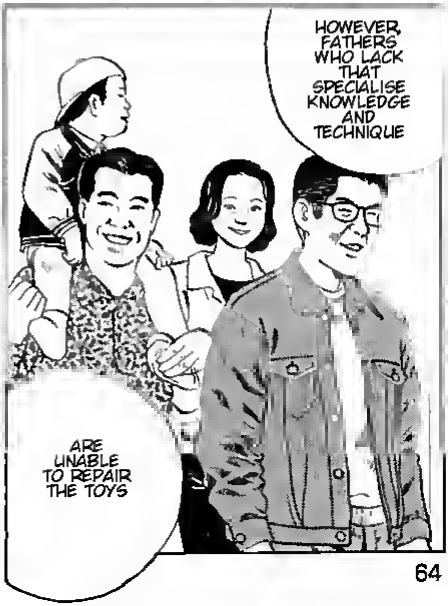
THE CHANCE I SAW FOR YOU ISN'T SOMETHING SO EASILY PROVIDED FOR


REPAIRS...? TOYS...?
EVEN AN AMATEUR LIKE ME CAN TELL THAT IT'S CRUDE
BUT YOU FIXED THE BROKEN PARTS
IT'S NOT A SELLABLE PRODUCT, BUT WHAT MATTERS ARE THE REPAIRS

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE BUBBLE ERA
BUT IN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ECONOMY, WHEN A CHILD BREAKS A TOY
IT'S NOT AN OPTION TO THROW IT AWAY AND BUY A NEW ONE

THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL DO

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT
I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE TOOL

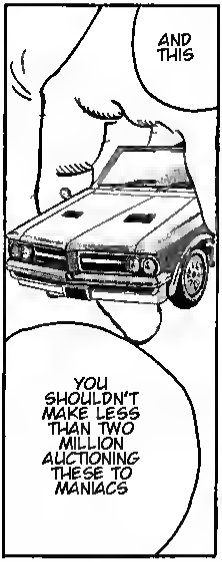

HOWEVER, FATHERS WHO LACK THAT SPECIALISE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUE
ARE UNABLE TO REPAIR THE TOYS

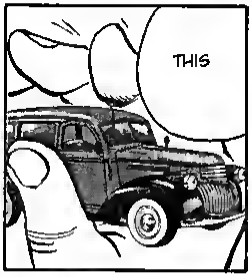
YOU CAN SELL THIS

YOU CAN RENT THOSE

EVEN A SMALL LATHE IS A MILLION YEN A MONTH
IF I HAD THAT KIND OF MONEY...

MY FACTORY HAS LONG PASSED INTO OTHERS' HANDS
BUT... EVEN IF I HAVE THE TOOLS, I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO WORK...


AND THIS
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE LESS THAN TWO MILLION AUCTIONING THESE TO MANIACS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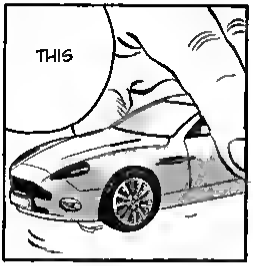
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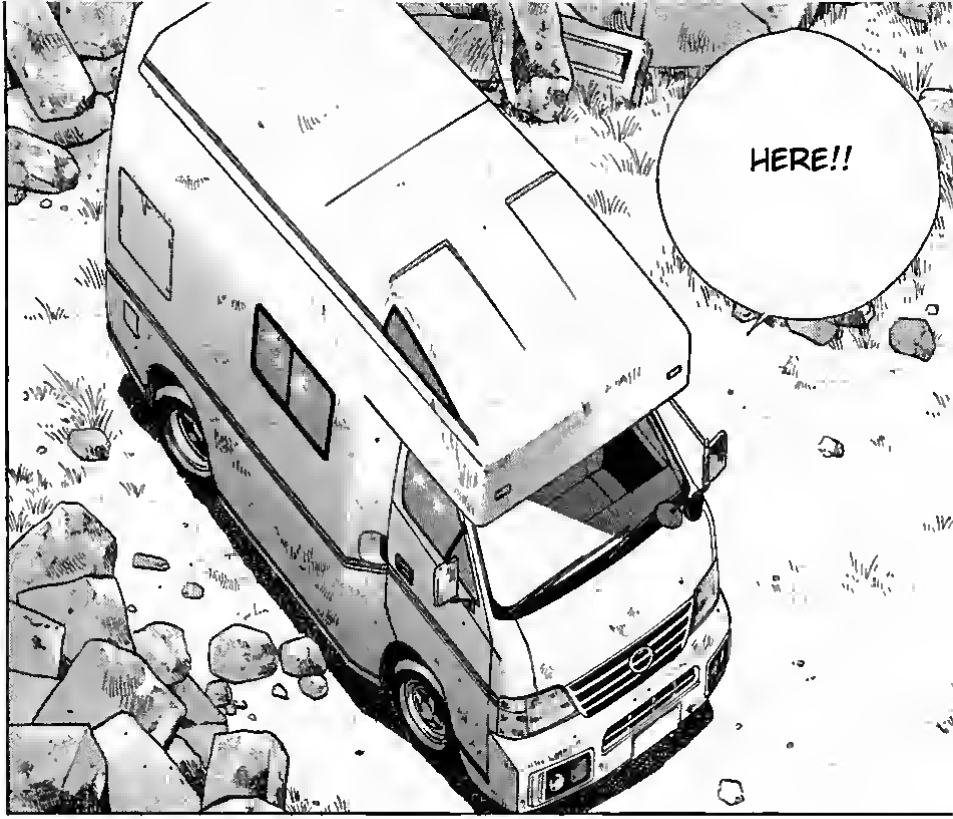
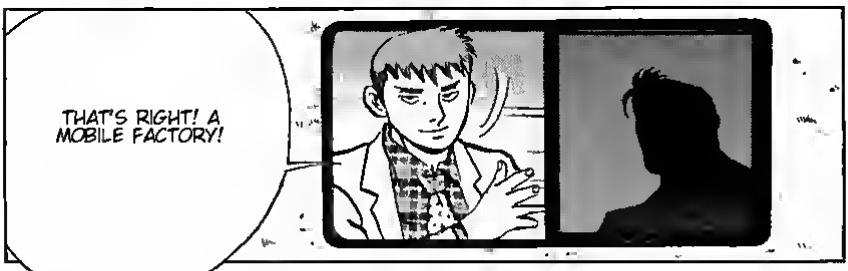
YOU HAVE A WORKPLACE!

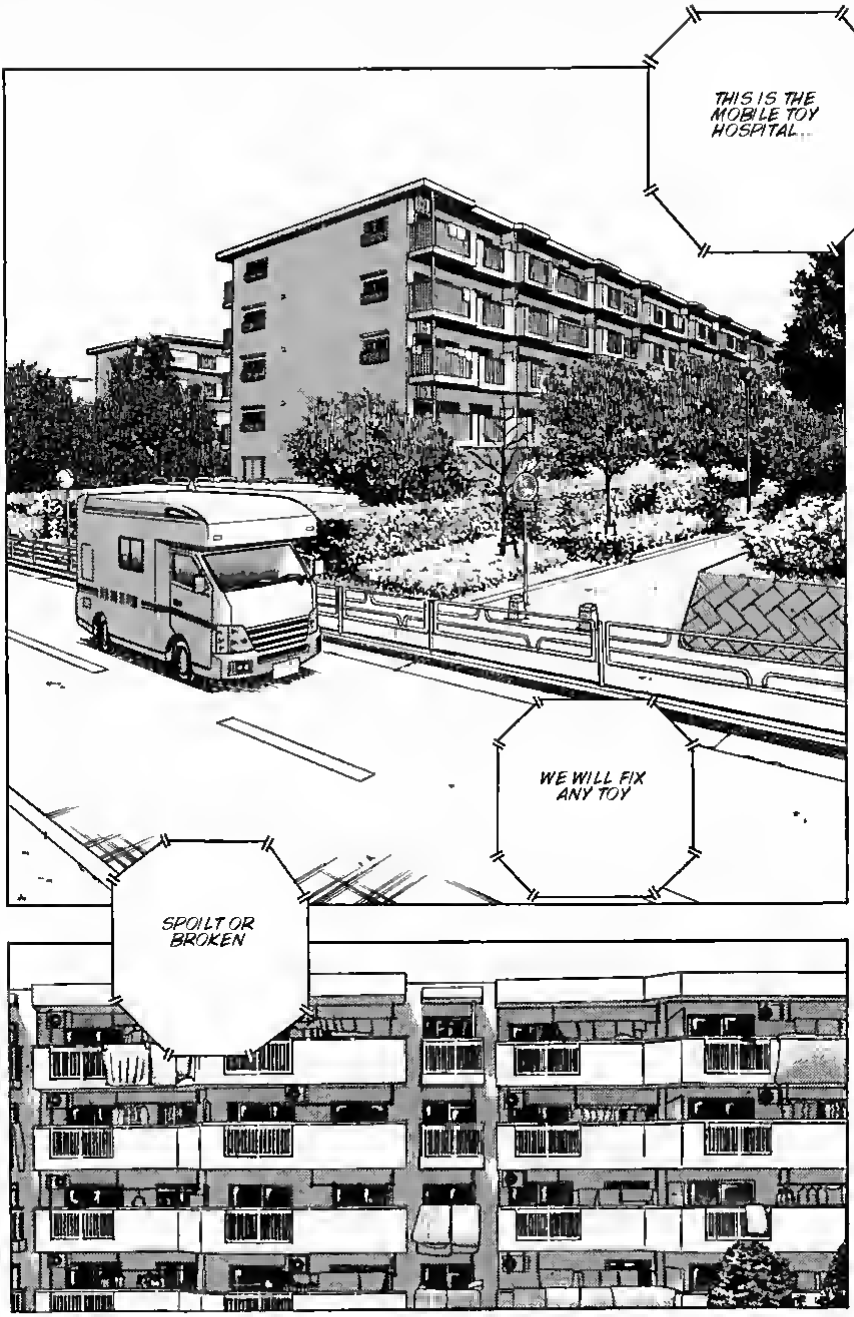

HERE!!

T... THIS CAMPING CAR..!?


THAT'S RIGHT! A MOBILE FACTORY!

SORRY FOR THE DISTURBANCE

Toy Hospital


THIS IS THE MOBILE TOY HOSPITAL...
WE WILL FIX ANY TOY
SPOILT OR BROKEN

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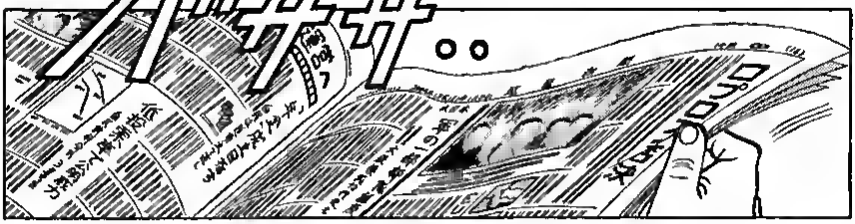
I WONDER IF YOU WILL FIX THIS?

ONE FOR 500 YEN
NO PROBLEM!

Well my husband
IT'S EXPENSIVE TO BUY A NEW ONE...
THANK GOODNESS
Indeed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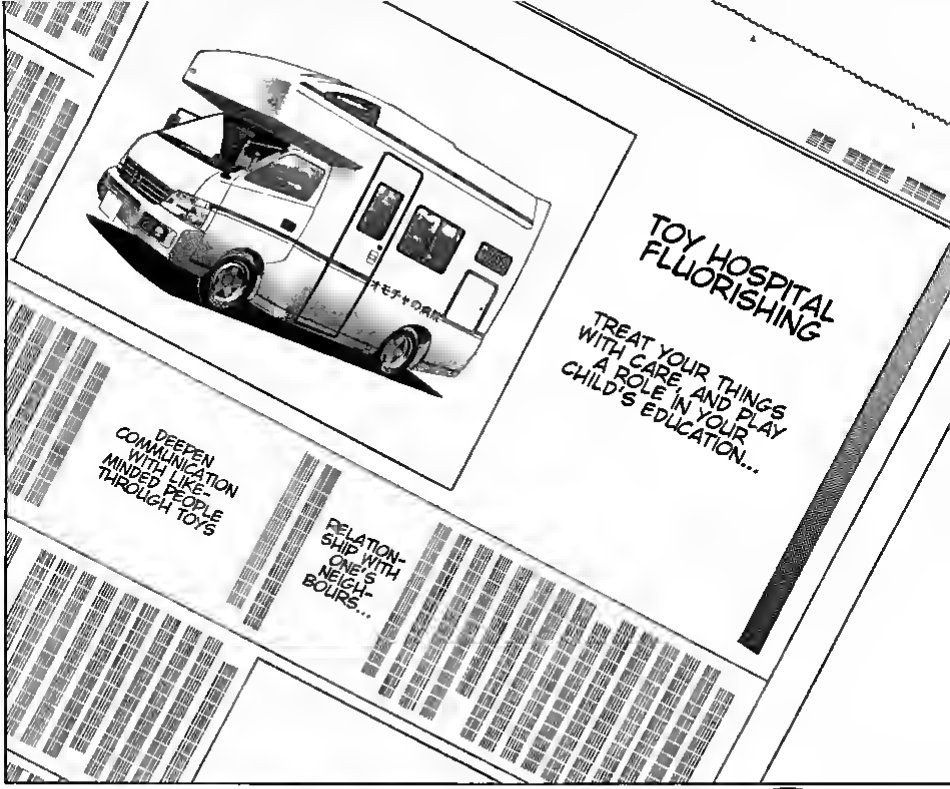
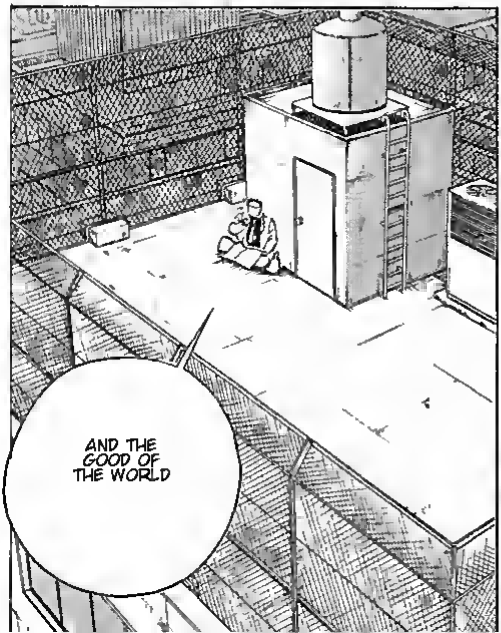
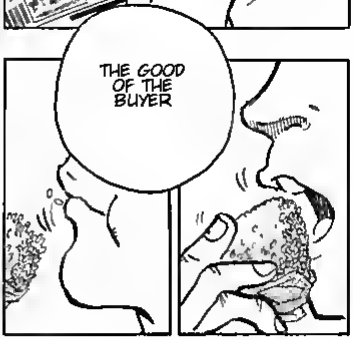

TOY HOSPITAL FLUORISHING
TREAT YOUR THINGS WITH CARE, AND PLAY A ROLE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION...
DEEPEN COMMUNICATION WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE THROUGH TOYS
RELATION-SHIP WITH ONE'S NEIGH-BOURS...


AND THE GOOD OF THE WORLD

THE GOOD OF THE SELLER


THE GOOD OF THE BUYER

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THE THREE GOODS

THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH...
WAY OF ALL BUSINESS
OMI SHIGEMORI

I BECAME SHORT-HANDED A WHILE AGO AND BEGAN EMPLOYING WORKERS
I COLLECTED TOYS FROM ALL SORTS OF PLACES IN MY VAN
AND RENTED A SMALL FACTORY TO START MY BUSINESS

AND MOREOVER, THE FAMILY I REMEMBERED IT TO BE HAS RETURNED!
WE'VE RENTED A HOUSE AND ARE LIVING WELL TOGETHER

SENTORY

AND SO, OMI-SAN, I'M HERE TODAY TO PAY THE CONSULTATION FEE
PLEASE NAME THE PRICE

LET'S SEE...

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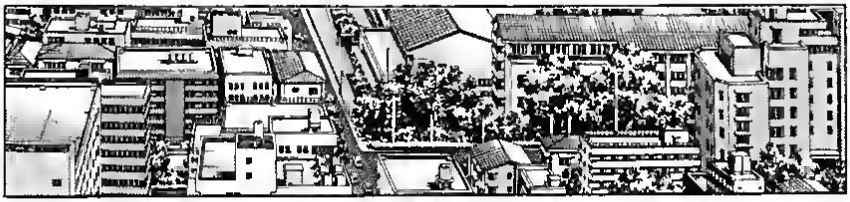
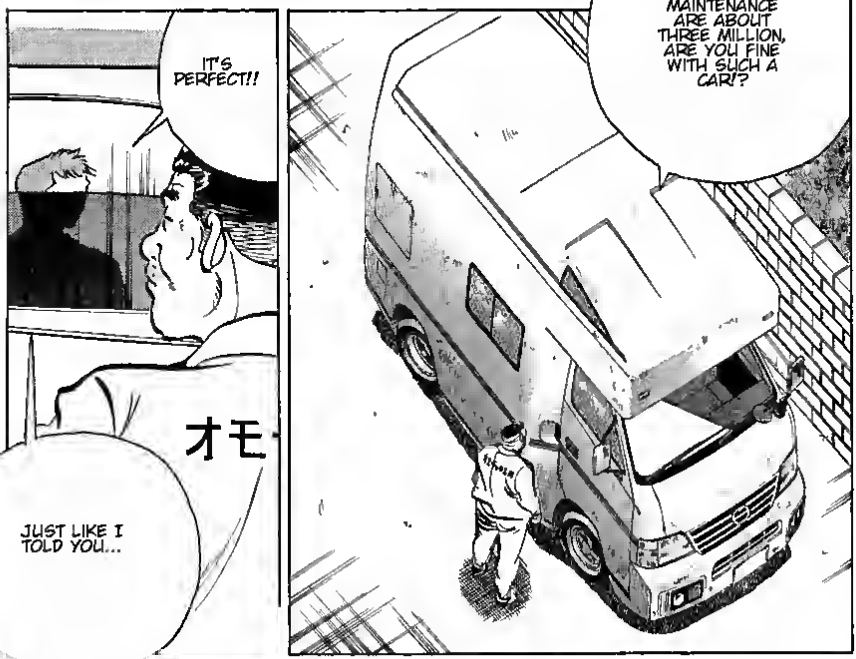


OMI-SAN!?


THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ARE ABOUT THREE MILLION, ARE YOU FINE WITH SUCH A CAR!?
IT'S PERFECT!!
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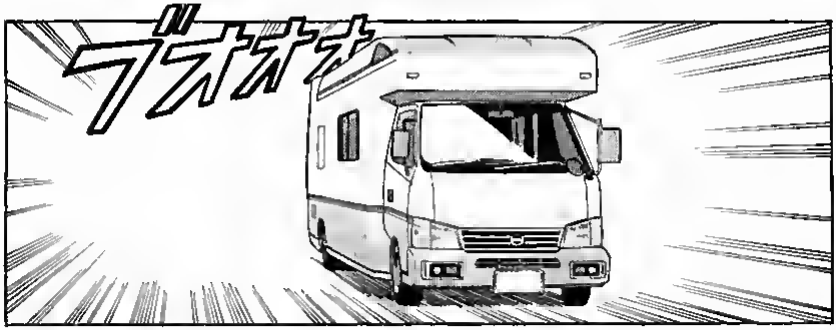
JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU...

I'LL PERFORM MY BUSINESS CARRYING THE HEART OF A JOURNEYING BUSINESSMAN



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YOU'RE ALREADY OLD
I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS CAME TO BE...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF NEEDLESSLY
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TAKEYAMA SAKE SHOP

LEGEND OF WEALTHY MERCHANTS (2). KONOIKE SHINROKU (1570 - 1650)
UPON ATTAINING MANHOOD, HE PUT DOWN THE SWORD AND LEFT THE BUSHI PATH TO WALK THAT OF THE MERCHANTS'. SUCCESSFULLY BREWED SAKE AT KONOIKE VILLAGE IN SETTSU PROVINCE AND MADE HIS WEALTH FOUNDER OF THE KONOIKE FAMILY.

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YES! I WILL TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT
YOU OUGHT TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER HE HAS THE ENERGY TO RUN THE SHOP ANYMORE...

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

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FATHER!
THANKFULLY I HAPPENED TO COME BACK HOME BY CHANCE...
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YOU CAN'T RUN THE SHOP ALONE ANYMORE!
IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO BRING BROTHER BACK!
I'LL TRY CALLING HIM!

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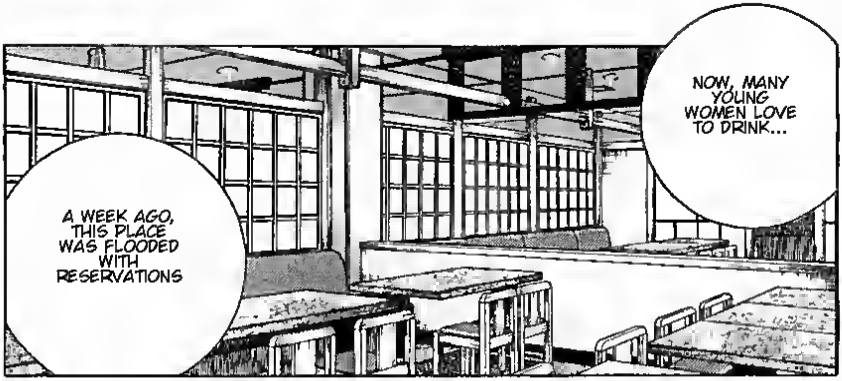
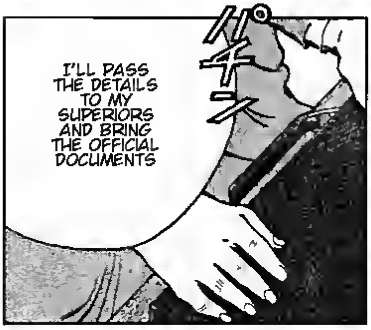
WE'LL BE ON THE ROAD TO A SECOND SHOP SOON
IF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SHOP GOES WELL
I DON'T DRINK, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND
BUT CAN IT REALLY GO THERE?
EVEN SO, THIS IS AMAZING
IN THE PAST, IT USED TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION OF OLD MEN DRINKING...
YES! IT SUDDENLY CAUGHT FERVOR TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO

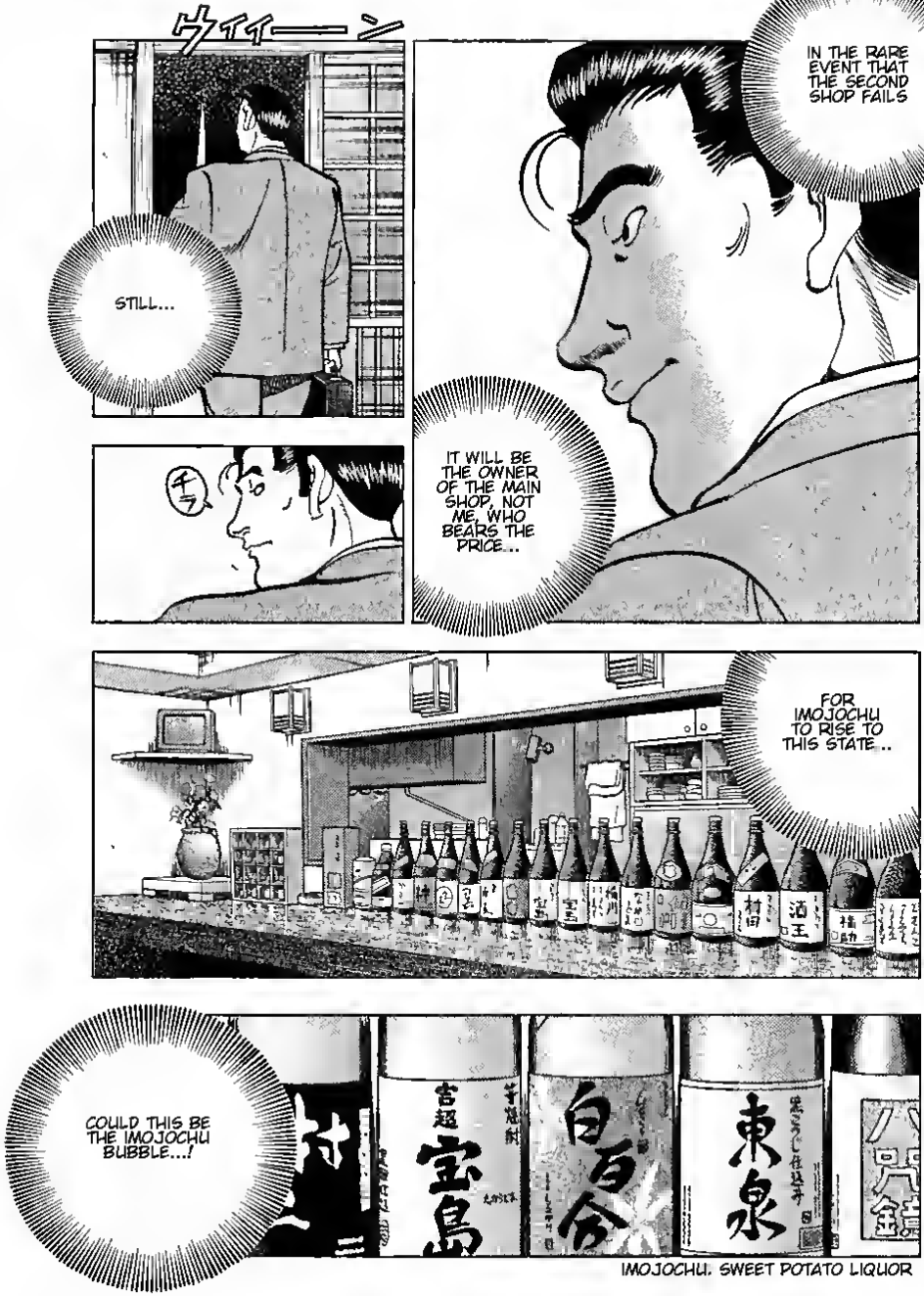

A WEEK AGO, THIS PLACE WAS FLOODED WITH RESERVATIONS
NOW, MANY YOUNG WOMEN LOVE TO DRINK...


I'LL PASS THE DETAILS TO MY SUPERIORS AND BRING THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

LATER...

IF THE PROFITS INCREASE, THE REVIEWS WON'T BE A PROBLEM
EVERYTHING WILL WORK AS YOU WISH
AND THE LOANS WILL PROCEED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STILL...
IN THE RARE EVENT THAT THE SECOND SHOP FAILS
IT WILL BE THE OWNER OF THE MAIN SHOP, NOT ME, WHO BEARS THE PRICE...
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FOR IMOJOCHU TO RISE TO THIS STATE..
COULD THIS BE THE IMOJOCHU BUBBLE...!
宝島
白百合
東泉

IMOJOCHU. SWEET POTATO LIQUOR

REGARDING THE SAKE SHOP "RED HOUSE" AT THE THIRD DISTRICT OF HONMACHI...
AH, THIS IS TAKEYAMA

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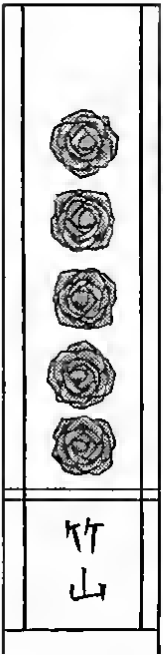
GOOD WORK!
IS THAT SO...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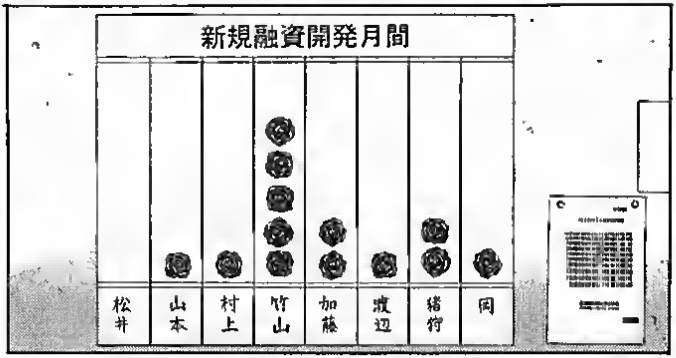
新規融資開発月間
松井
山本
村上
竹山
加藤
渡辺
緒狩
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ONE MORE SHOP TO VISIT
NOW...
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EH!? FATHER HAS COLLAPSED!?
FROM HOME...
DID YOU GO BACK, TOMOKO

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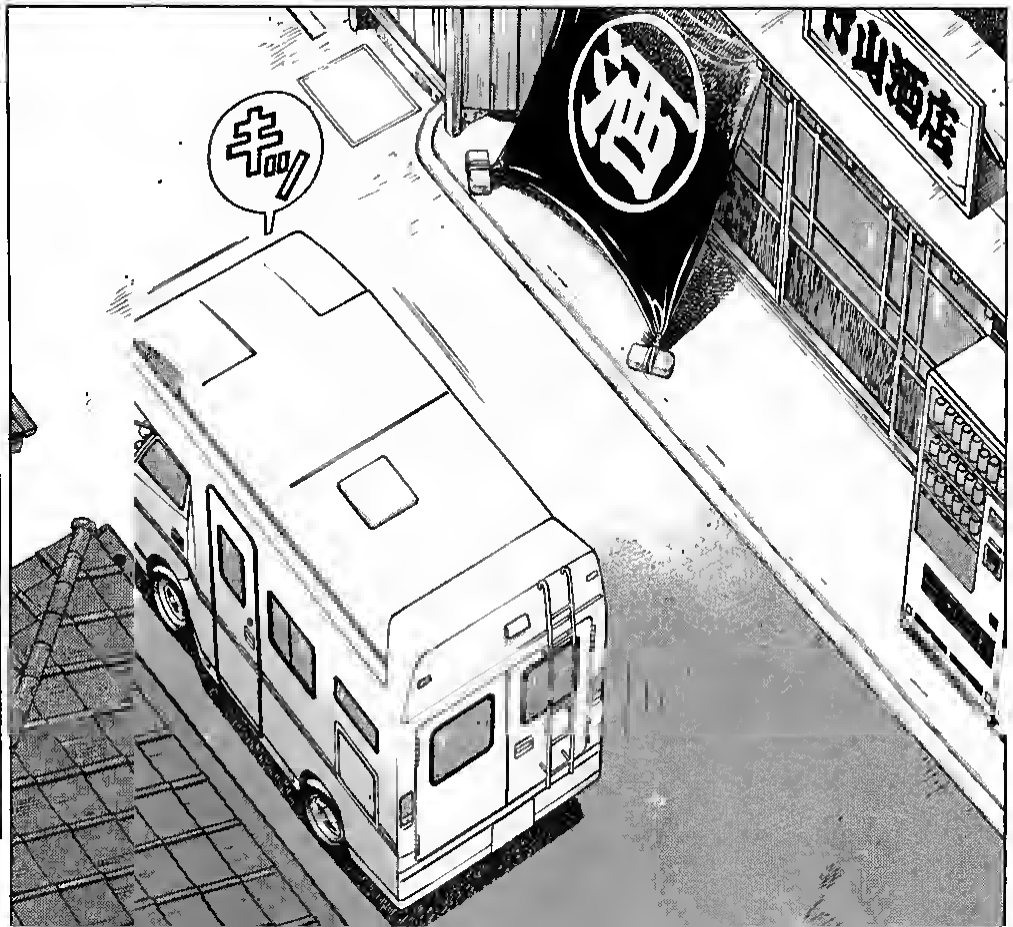
THE TAKEYAMA SAKE SHOP THAT OLD MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT!
THIS IS IT!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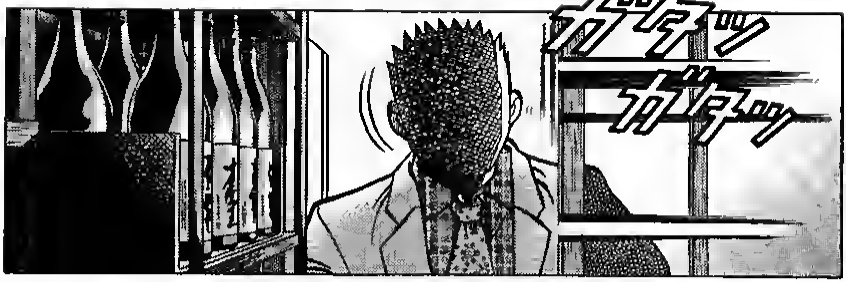
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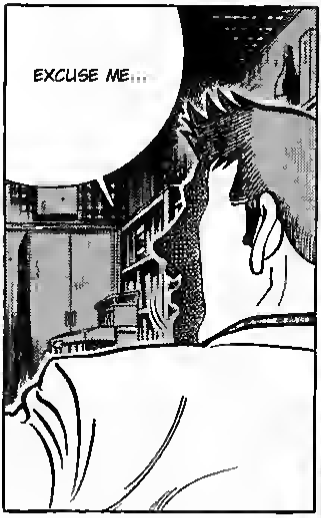
EXCUSE ME...

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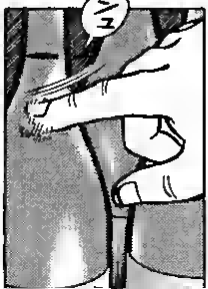
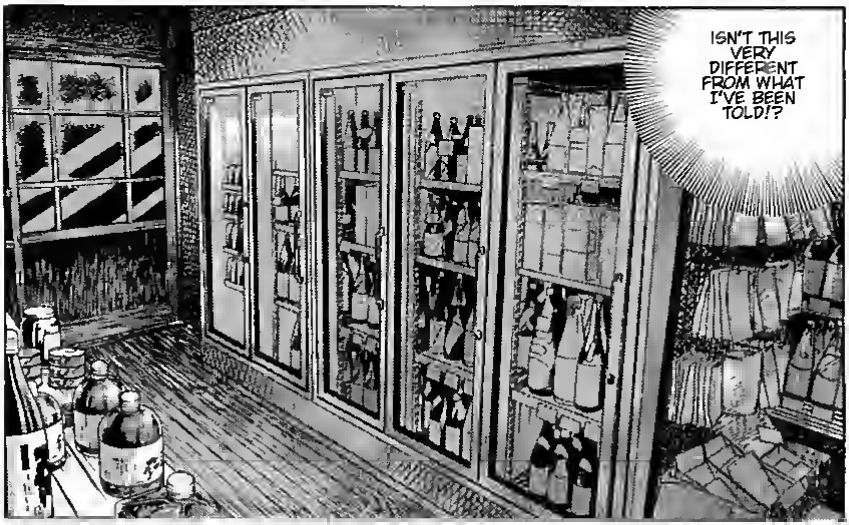


THERE'S THIS MUCH DUST ON THE BOTTLES!
IT HASN'T BEEN CLEANED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME!


ISN'T THIS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD!?

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Y...YOU ARE?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TAKEYAMA GENJOU-SAN!
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OMI!
OMI SHIGEMORI!

LEGEND OF WEALTHY MERCHANTS III: MITSUI TAKATOSHI (1622-1694)

FROM MATSUSAKA, ISE. OPENED CLOTHES AND MONEY EXCHANGE SHOPS IN EDO. RECEIVED PURCHASES FROM THE SHOGUNATE AND ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST ELITE MERCHANTS.

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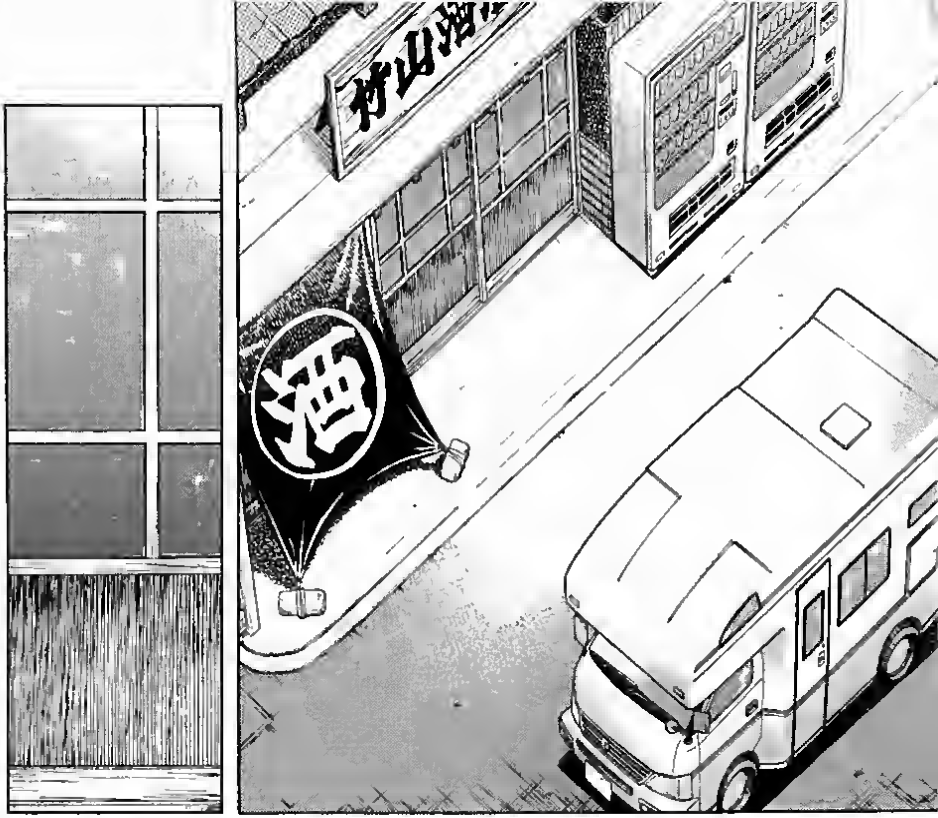
GENZOU AND MASANAO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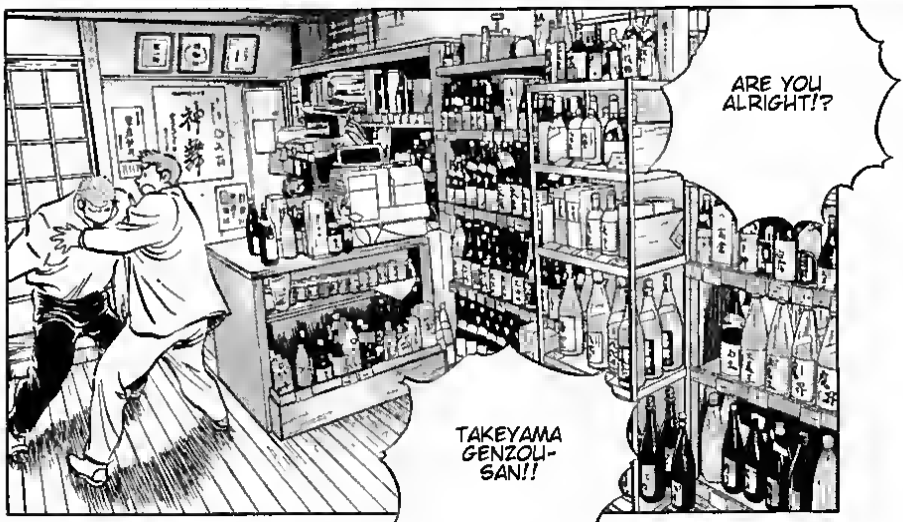
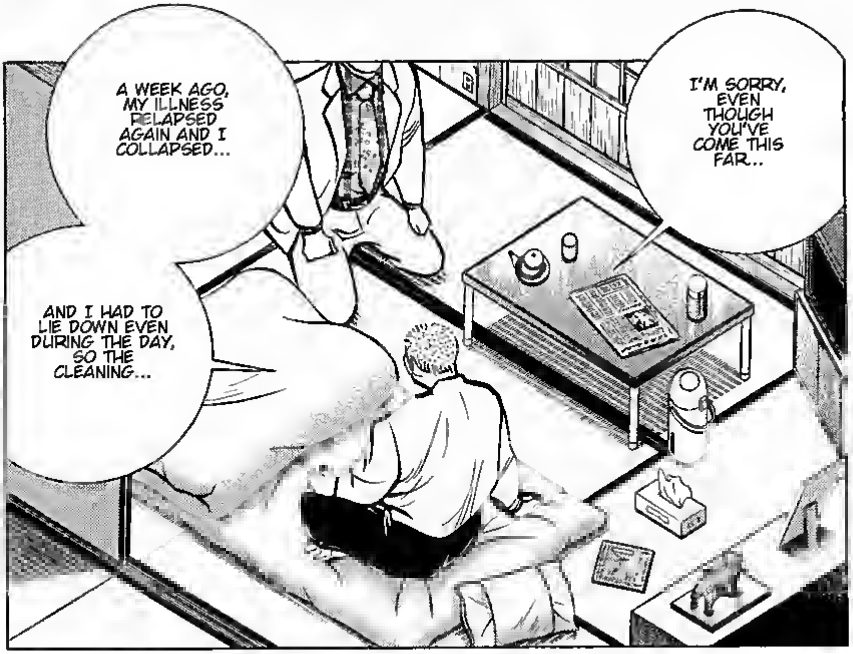

ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
TAKEYAMA GENZOU-SAN!!

OMI SHIGEMORI!
OMI...
YOU ARE?
OO! YOU'RE SHOU-CHAN'S GRANDSON, AREN'T YOU!
YES!


A WEEK AGO, MY ILLNESS RELAPSED AGAIN AND I COLLAPSED...
I'M SORRY, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE COME THIS FAR...
AND I HAD TO LIE DOWN EVEN DURING THE DAY, SO THE CLEANING...

THAT'S RIGHT
THE BOTTLES ARE DUSTY TOO

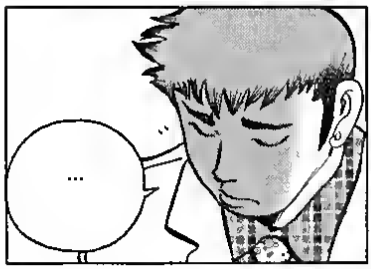
I THOUGHT I'D OPEN THE SHOP IN CASE AN OLD CUSTOMER CAME

BUT MY BODY ITSELF IS DIRTY, AND I CAN'T CLEAN MUCH

I WANT TO CLEAN THEM...
EACH OF THEM ARE HANDPICKED BY ME

I'M ASHAMED...

...HOW IS SHOU-CHAN, I MEAN MASANAO-SAN?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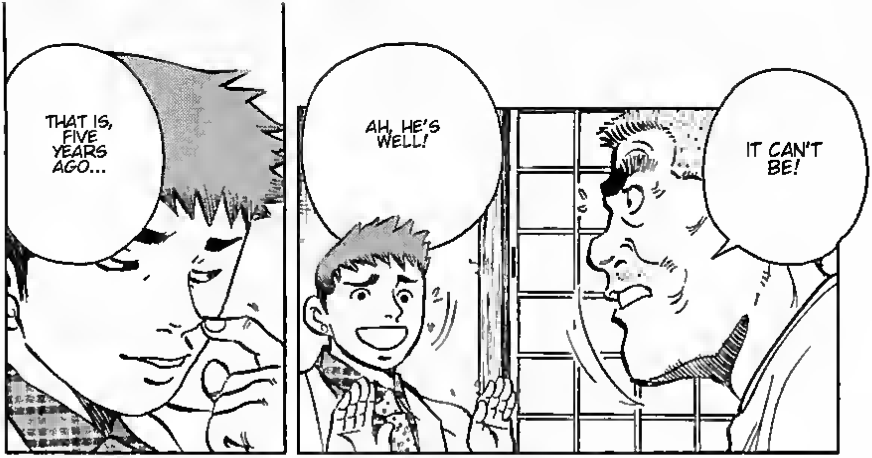
I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR THIS!
WHEN I TOUCHED THE DUST JUST NOW
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T THE BUSINESSMAN THAT OLD MAN DESCRIBED!


THAT IS, FIVE YEARS AGO...
AH, HE'S WELL!
IT CAN'T BE!

I LEFT OMIHACHIMAN TOWN WITHOUT EVEN CALLING BACK
WE LIVED IN A CONVENIENCE SHOP AT THE EDGE OF THE TOWN...

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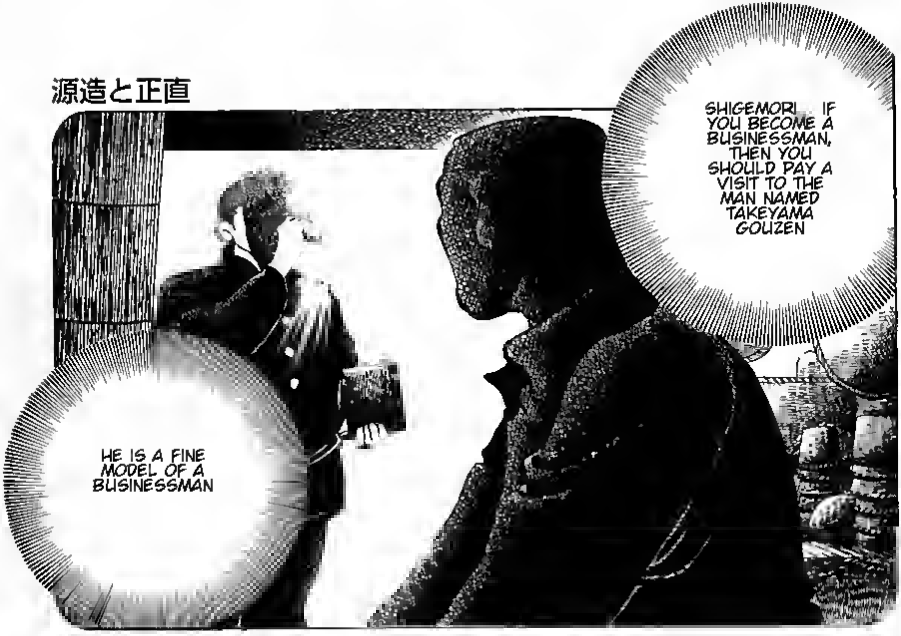
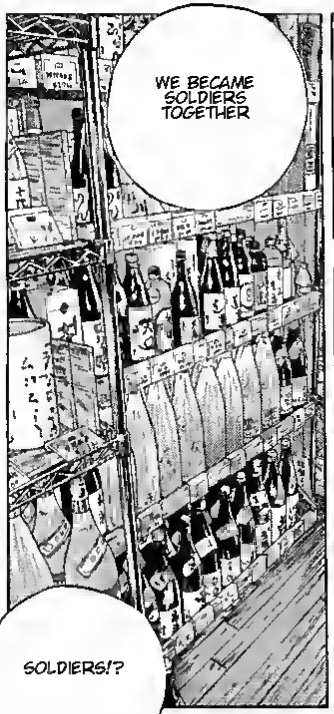
THANKS TO MY FATHER AND MOTHER, I WAS ABLE TO LIVE MYSELF
I OFTEN WENT OFF TO PLAY WHEN I WAS A KID


SHIGEMORI... IF YOU BECOME A BUSINESSMAN, THEN YOU SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO THE MAN NAMED TAKEYAMA GOUZEN
HE IS A FINE MODEL OF A BUSINESSMAN


WE BECAME SOLDIERS TOGETHER
SOLDIERS!?

I SEE... SHOU-CHAN SAID THAT, HUH...

HAVE YOU BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MY OLD MAN FOR A LONG TIME?
IT'S BEEN ABOUT SIXTY YEARS NOW

IN THOSE TIMES, EVERYONE WAS UNITED FOR THE COUNTRY...

ESPECIALLY CHILDREN BECOMING SOLDIERS

WE BOTH VOLUNTEERED TO BE PILOTS

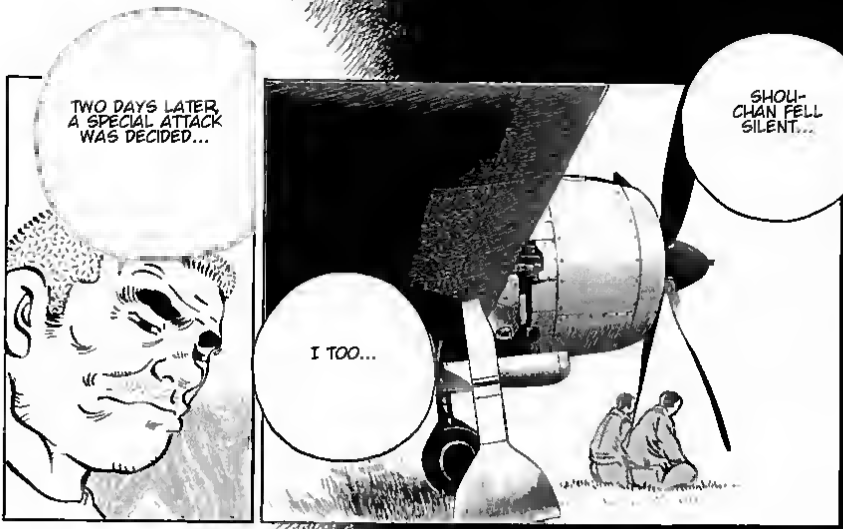
AND WERE ASSIGNED TO OOTSU

WE WERE VOLUNTEERS, SO WE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE AT FIRST

BUT IF... IF OUR LIVES WERE TO CHANGE

WE GOT ALONG VERY WELL, AND WOULD EAT OUR LUNCHES TOGETHER WHILE CHATTING

BUSINESSMAN!
AND WE LAUGHED!
THE TWO OF US SAID IT AT THE SAME TIME
FOR ME, IT WOULD BE SOMETHING TO EAT...
WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS WOULD GEN-CHAN MAKE?
THEN EVERYONE WHO EATS IT WOULD BE HAPPY
ME?
WHAT ABOUT SHOU-CHAN?
I...


TWO DAYS LATER, A SPECIAL ATTACK WAS DECIDED...
SHOU-CHAN FELL SILENT...
I TOO...

!? IF WE WENT, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE...
EH!? DID YOU TWO GO ON THE SPECIAL ATTACK!?

THEN YOU ESCAPED!

THAT'S RIGHT
WE FLED IN THE NIGHT, HAND IN HAND...

IT WAS A ONE-WAY TRIP TO SUICIDE EXPLOSIVE-PACKED PLANES INTO THE ENEMY SHIPS
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN TOO!

OUR LIVES DID INDEED CHANGE
LUCKY
THE WAR ENDED THE NEXT DAY!
NOT!!
SHOU-CHAN AND I PROMISED IN FRONT OF THE DEVASTATED RUINS
THAT WE'LL BOTH DO OUR BEST AS BUSINESSMEN!
IT'S TRUE THAT SAKE IS SOMETHING YOU INGEST...
I THOUGHT GENZOU-SAN SAID SOMETHING ABOUT EATING...
...BUT WHY A SAKE SHOP?

THAT'S SAD
THOSE IN THE SPECIAL FORCES THEY HAD NO TOMORROW, AND ONLY REMEMBERED SAKE AND WOMEN....

THERE'S ALWAYS SAKE, IN HAPPY MOMENTS AND IN SAD MOMENTS ..
WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT SINCE THERE'S SO MUCH SAD SAKE AROUND
SO I'LL SELL HAPPY SAKE TO EVERYONE...!

I TRAVELLED TO SAKE BREWERIES ON FOOT.
AND CONFIRMED THEIR TASTE MYSELF

THE WORD SPREAD, AND THE CUSTOMERS COMING FROM OTHER PREFECTURES INCREASED..
CUSTOMERS WERE SOON ATTRACTED HERE
DUE TO THE INCREASED CUSTOMERS, THE MONEY IN THE TOWN INCREASED TOO... AND THE TOWN BECAME RICH
I SUPPLY THE CUSTOMERS WITH HIGH QUALITY GOODS
THE FEELINGS OF THE SELLER... I MADE IT CLEAR TO THE BUYERS
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THE THREE GOODS.. HUH
SHOU-CHAN TAUGHT ME THAT
THE TEACHINGS OF THE OMI MERCHANTS!

WHEN SHOU-CHAN CAME TO VISIT...
IT WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS SINCE I STARTED RUNNING THE BUSINESS
I WAS HAPPY THAT WE MET AGAIN, AND WE CHATTED THROUGH THE NIGHT
THAT'S... I KEPT ASKING HIM, BUT...
WHAT WAS THE OLD MAN'S BUSINESS!?
I DIDN'T GET TO HEAR IT
...BUT I COULD TELL BY HIS CONFIDENT POSTURE THAT IT WAS SUCCESSFUL

WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT HE WORKED AS?
I WON'T LIE...
I ONLY RECEIVED NEW YEAR GIFTS FROM HIM—
THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME WE MET

IS THAT SO...
近江商店
THE OLD MAN I KNOW WAS ALWAYS INSIDE A SMALL CONVENIENCE STORE

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL...
I'M SORRY FOR BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND TO YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE COME THIS FAR
NONO! HEARING ABOUT MY GRANDFATHER IS PLENTY

竹山酒店
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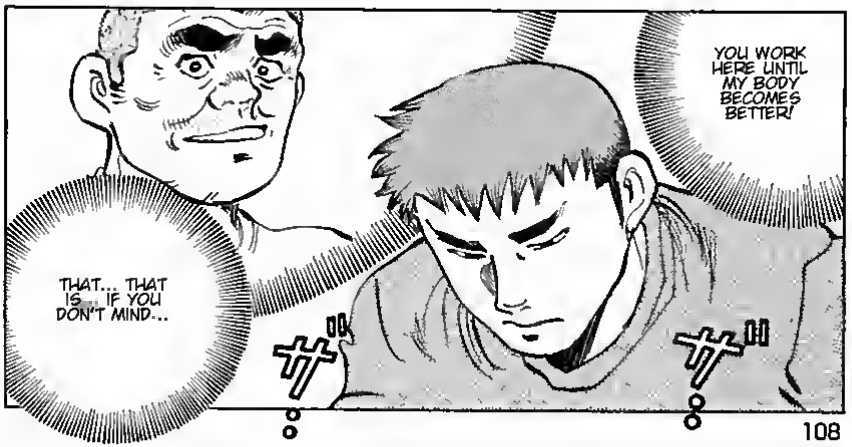
YOU WORK HERE UNTIL MY BODY BECOMES BETTER!
THAT... THAT IS... IF YOU DON'T MIND...

HAS BECOME SO SUDDEN, IT'S PITIFUL
IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, THE SHOP THAT GENZOU-SAN BROUGHT UP BY HIMSELF
AS EXPECTED OF SHOU-CHAN'S GRANDSON, YOU REALLY MOVED ME
AH, I CAME IN A CAMPING CAR!
IF YOU'LL BE STAYING OVER, THEN FEEL FREE TO USE THE SECOND FLOOR
THERE'S NOWHERE TO PARK A CAR HERE

THAT'S...
THEN I'LL STAY AT THE TOWN'S CARPARK!
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IF THE SHOP IS DARK, THEN THE CUSTOMERS WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ENTER

清酒
喜生

清酒
喜生
THIS IS THE SAKE THAT GENZOU-SAN MADE
TOGETHER WITH THE BREWERIES THIRTY YEARS AGO
"KISSHOU"

THE CHARACTERS MEAN "HAPPY LIFE"

清酒
喜生
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HE'S WORKING AT A BIG BANK IN TOKYO
I WANTED HIM TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRYSIDE TOWN, AND WENT TO TOKYO AFTER GRADUATING FROM UNIVERSITY
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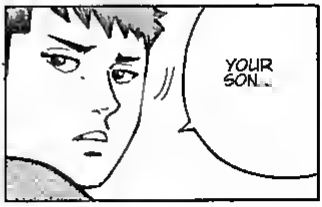

WHEN I COLLAPSED, MY DAUGHTER CALLED MY SON, BUT HE HASN'T COME YET...
I HAVE A DAUGHTER, BUT LIKE HER BROTHER SHE LEFT THE HOUSE WHEN SHE GREW OLDER
WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED
I PAMPERED THEM TOO MUCH, THUS THEY DON'T LISTEN TO ME
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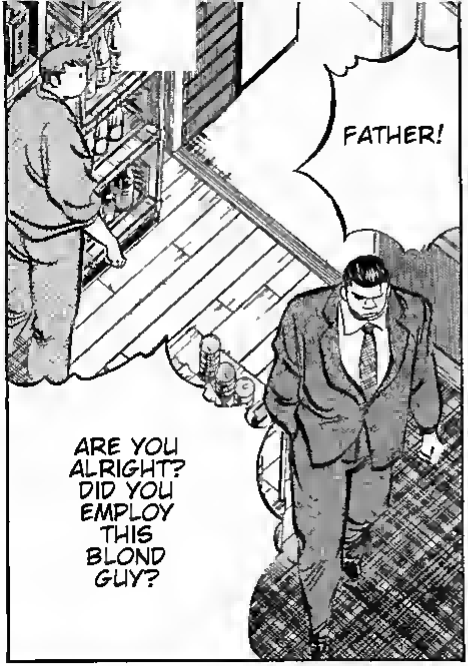
AH, WELCOME!


FATHER!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? DID YOU EMPLOY THIS BLOND GUY?

WHO ARE YOU?

AN ASSISTANT HERE

FATHER?
THIS MAN IS HIS SON!